

Holiness, A Gift of God's Grace

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I. Introduction.

A. We have responsibilities for the gift of holiness, but God also provides for holiness.

B. Text: Hebrews 10:5-18.

C. There is one aspect of holiness, which is the work of Jesus for us, and a second and third aspect, which are the work of the Holy Spirit in us.

II. Objective holiness found in Christ alone.

A. We have been made holy once for all by the death of Jesus. This refers to our legal standing (justification). (1 Corinthians 1:3)

B. We have confidence to enter into the holy place because we have also been made objectively holy by the blood of Jesus. We stand before God holy and blameless. (Hebrews 10:19-22)

C. God's ultimate goal is that we might be conformed to the image of Jesus. (Romans 8:29)

III. Experiential holiness God has implanted in our hearts at the new birth.

A. The initial act of justification is accompanied by an initial act of sanctification. (Hebrews 10:14)

B. God plants within us an affinity for the moral will of God. (Ephesians 2)

IV. Experiential progressive holiness that happens day by day. (Philippians 1:6)

A. This is the work of the Holy Spirit we are to respond to. (Hebrews 10:14)

B. We are in a cooperative venture with God. We must continue to obey. (Philippians 2:12-13)

C. We are dependent upon the Holy Spirit, but we are also responsible.

V. Question and answer.

Application questions:

1. What is God's objective holiness? Why must this precede the other forms?

2. Explain implanted holiness.

3. What part can you play in the progressive holiness God gives? Explain.
