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LESSON 1

The word **“Holiness”** is not found in the book of Genesis, but it is used more than 175 times in the four books following Genesis, written by Moses. There is good reason for this. The word Holiness means: “set aside” or “different”. Israel as a nation in slavery in Egypt needed to discover the difference between themselves and other nations.

The emphasis of Holiness in the writings of Moses served to call Israel to her unique and peculiar role as a nation under God. God is Holy because He is separate from His creation. The Bible is Holy because there is no other book like it. Believers connected to Christ are God’s “Ecclesia”, meaning. “called out ones”. We who are born again, as God’s people, who are saved, are set apart from the world and it’s corruption by Him to do His Will. Our lives, ambitions, motivations and purpose should therefore be Holy.

The definition of the English word “Holiness” is derived from the Germanic adjective HALIG meaning whole, perfect, and pure. The word sanctification is synonymous with Holiness and is taken from the Latin word SANCTUS which means “Holy”. So, we can see that the words Sanctify and Holy simply mean wholeness. If you wish to be a whole person, you need to awaken to your *true identity*.

You are more than just a name. There is more to you than your I.D. card, your physical body, your personality (soul). You also have a **human spirit** within you waiting to be given life.

If we only live on a physical level then we are no different to an animal that lives to eat and eats to live. Further, if we only live to satisfy self or to energize our egos, we are no different to the masses of people in the world who exist and never discover the true purpose of life, like Pagans, Hedonists and Humanists. The awakening of our **spirit** creates the potential to wholeness. This wholeness makes us unique and we become originals in a world of duplicates and clones.

Our series on Holiness will lead you to a better understanding of life’s purpose and meaning.

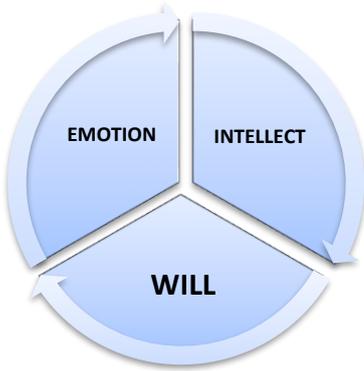
Remember you are **complete in Him**. Read Colossians 2:8-10. Complete the verses below:

Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ. For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily;

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UNDERSTANDING THE EMOTION, INTELLECT AND WILL OF MAN.

Emotional conversion

This is the result of the stirring of the emotions and a feeling of ecstasy. This type of conversion is subjective and will ultimately fade.

Intellectual Conversion

This is the result of being convinced of the facts and the truth. The plan and salvation makes sense and is accepted as an academic deduction or discovery. Passive conversion tends to favour the view point that believing is sufficient.

Volitional Conversion

This is not only believing, but confessing and receiving. This is an act and choice of the will of man.

Romans 10:9-10 is the **result** of a volitional conversion. Write out the verse below:

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Spiritual conversion

This includes all the above. The candidate must be stirred in his emotions, convinced in his mind as to the truth and respond by willingly surrendering his life to God. When this happens, the Holy Spirit quickens the human spirit and wholeness occurs. It is a case of asking the Lord to come into your life – and really meaning it.



Perhaps this can be illustrated in the story of Clifford Calverly, (1887), a famous tightrope walker who would walk the rope set over the Niagara Falls in front of many spectators. He could push a wheelbarrow over the rope. The crowd was convinced emotionally and intellectually that he could do this successfully. However, when he asked for a volunteer from the crowd to get into the wheelbarrow as he pushed it across again, the level of commitment was challenged to truly trust him. What would you do?

God asks us to trust the record that He gives, that His Son has died in our place to take our punishment for sin. God does not lie. If we do not trust Him, then we imply that He is a liar. Read 1 John 5:10-11. God is trustworthy. He also knows our level of commitment in handing our lives into His care. He cannot be mocked, so He knows when we are not serious. However, when we are serious, God performs a miracle in our spirit the moment we receive the Lord Jesus as our Saviour. God puts His Spirit within us and sets us aside for His glorious purpose. He makes us WHOLE and therefore HOLY.

Questions for discussion:

When is a person "born again"? Consider the account in John 3:1-18

Do not hesitate to chat to your Minister if you require any further clarity on how to be saved. Don't delay, respond today.