

Holiness vs. The Flesh

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Scriptures:

- 1 Corinthians 1:30
- Romans 8:1, 32
- Romans 7:5, 18, 24
- Philippians 3:4-7, *NLT*

Summary:

Christians must understand what being holy involves. It isn't about our own performance or self-effort, but about Jesus Christ and our faith in Him. Getting born again gives us access to everything He has and makes us as righteous as He is. It doesn't focus on our conduct but on the realization of our identity as God's children. Holiness isn't the opposite of sin; it's to be like God and be set apart from the world. Accepting God's definition of holiness and rejecting the world's definition requires that we learn to think differently, according to His Word. Getting out of the flesh (which is a way of thinking hostile to God) and realizing that Jesus is the only reason we can be holy, puts us in the right mindset.

Notes:

1. When we're in Christ, we have what He has and we're made the same things that He is.
2. We're in Christ if we've been born again; we therefore not only have access to everything He has, we *are* everything He is.
3. "The flesh" is a worldly way of thinking. Our souls contain no good thing until they're reprogrammed according to God's Word; this involves the process of renewing our minds.
4. What we struggle to do through self-effort is insufficient compared to what Jesus already did.
5. All who have been born again have received the gift of no condemnation.

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