



Sermon Series: "Back to the Basics"
Sermon Title: "Why We Care About Holiness"
Scripture: Hebrews 12:14; 1 Peter 1:14-16, et al
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God is serious about our holiness. (*Hebrews 12:14; Romans 8:28-30*)

- You **are holy**. (*Justified* - Declared righteous and beloved children in Christ)
- You **are being made holy**. (*Sanctified* – Putting off sin & growing in Christlikeness)
- You **will be made holy**. (*Glorified* – You will be perfectly holy with Christ)

Why must we care about holiness?

1. **Because sin is deadly serious.**
 - *Romans 7:5; 8:13; James 1:14-15; Ephesians 5:3-5*
2. **Because holiness is our spiritual heritage.**
 - *1 Peter 1:14-16*
3. **Because holiness is our eternal calling.**
 - *1 Thessalonians 4:7-8; 1 Corinthians 1:2; John 16:7-11*
4. **Because holiness is pleasing to God.**
 - *Romans 12:1-2*
5. **Because of the promise of Christ's return.**
 - *2 Peter 3:11-13*

Holy living is the fruit of a spiritually healthy life.

4 Actions in the Pursuit of Holiness:

1. **Focus.** Make Christ your aim.
 - *Romans 8:4-6*
2. **Fuel.** Use God's promises as your motivation for holiness.
 - *2 Corinthians 7:1*
3. **Fight.** Use the Gospel as a weapon against your flesh.
 - *Romans 8:13; 1 Corinthians 1:18*
4. **Faith.** Believe the promises of Christ over the promises of the world.
 - *Galatians 2:20; 2 Peter 1:3-4*

Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application...

- What is the difference between positional holiness and practical holiness?
- Why does God care so deeply about our holiness?
- What is our part in practical holiness? How does God provide for our growth in holiness?
- How can God's promises motivate us towards holiness?
- In what ways have you been trusting the promises of the world over the promises of God?
- How does the promise of Christ's return motivate us towards holy living?