



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

**Holy living is the fruit of a spiritually healthy life.**

**4 Actions in the Pursuit of Holiness:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_. Make Christ your aim.
  - *Romans 8:4-6*
2. \_\_\_\_\_. Use God's promises as your motivation for holiness.
  - *2 Corinthians 7:1*
3. \_\_\_\_\_. Use the Gospel as a weapon against your flesh.
  - *Romans 8:13; 1 Corinthians 1:18*
4. \_\_\_\_\_. 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?