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SALVATION

Part 13

Holy Ambassadors for His Glory

Various Verses

Thus far we have covered the gospel, salvation, redemption, peace, hope, adoption, eternal security and deliverance. We also learned about the imago Dei, or image of God in humanity, which was tarnished because of sin, but regained by faith in Christ. Last time we studied being *Reconciled and Purified...*

A. Holiness

What is **holiness**? It is “*separate*” or “*sacred*.”

It is similar to sanctification, or separated.

There is a **distinction**. Sanctification has the positional tense, where we are separated from sin to God and progressive, where we become more like Jesus. Being **holy**, has to do with our **character** in attitude and action. This is **who** we are...

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King Uzziah dies, leaving the nation in uncertainty, but God “*shows up*” proving to His prophet He is still on the throne in this vision of Jesus (*John 12:41*). The *holiness of God* is something we don’t discuss much and understand even less in the church. There is no fear of God in our hearts, leading to sin. God is **HOLY!**

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He is sometimes referred to as **Light**: *Psalm 28:18, Isaiah 60:9, Acts 26:18, 1 John 1:5 and Revelation 21:23*. In *Leviticus 11:44-45*, God told His people Israel to be holy because He is holy and not to defile themselves with any creeping thing, that is not to eat certain things...

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Ephesians 4:21-5:11 - ...the truth is in Jesus, **22**to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, **23**and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, **24**and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. **25**Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak

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the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. 26Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, 27and give no opportunity to the devil. 28Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. 29Let no corrupting talk come out of your

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mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. 30And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. 32Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one

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another, as God in Christ forgave you.

1Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. 2And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. 3But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. 4Let there be no filthiness nor foolish

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talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. 5For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. 6Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of

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disobedience. 7Therefore do not become partners with them; 8for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light 9(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), 10and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. 11Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them...

B. Ambassadors

What is an **ambassador**? *One sent in place of another, representing the person or nation who sent him/her.* In **Scripture**, this it has the same meaning. In the Old Testament, there are a few different words for it, but primarily it is “*malak/malawk*” and speaks of someone like an angel, messenger, king or ambassador.

B. Ambassadors

2 Corinthians 5:14-20 - For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; 15and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised. 16From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though

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we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer.

17Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 18All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; 19that is, in Christ God was

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reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

20Therefore, **we** are **ambassadors for Christ**, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God...

B. Ambassadors

1. An ambassador *represents someone else*.
2. An ambassador is *under authority*.
3. An ambassador *has authority*.
4. An ambassador has a *task to fulfill*.
5. An ambassador went into *unexplored territory*.
6. An ambassador is *only temporary*.

C. For His Glory

We represent the King of kings and Lord of Lords. He has *saved us, adopted us, redeemed us, and is bringing back in us His holy image.* Because God rules all things and because we experience His blessings and goodness today, we are to ***live for His glory.***

C. For His Glory

What does that mean?

2 Corinthians 5:15 - ...those who live might
no longer live for themselves but **for him...**

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Colossians 3:17 - And whatever you do, in word or deed, **do everything** in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

D. Making Disciples as His Holy Ambassadors...

Matthew 28:18-20 - And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age...”

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...I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen.

D. Making Disciples as His Holy Ambassadors...

He sends us into *unexplored territory*! That is this **hostile world** and some He will send to a new place... We also see that what we do is temporary. Not only is our *life temporary*, but we have *only until He returns* to share His message.

D. Making Disciples as His Holy Ambassadors...

We are His holy ambassadors, whom He has commissioned to, as we are going, to represent Him, make disciples, and proclaim -

Be reconciled to God by His grace through faith in the finished work of the Person of Jesus!