

Holiness

Romans 6:22-But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. (KJV)

Christians are expected to seriously live in ways pleasing to the Lord God. The Holy Apostle Paul has set forth holiness as it applies to the Christian life. Holiness involves the constant care of the soul including firm repudiation of sin. Repentance throughout earthly life until the last breath is necessary for holiness. Daily choices and decisions determine the state of the life in Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 7:1-Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. (KJV)

Living fully in Jesus Christ requires resolute actions by the dedicated believer. Jesus Christ is ever present to nourish, guide and cleanse the heart-felt believer. Serious self-examination with due honesty enables addressing personal sinfulness. Apostle Paul makes clear believers are required to act toward perfecting holiness. Believers decide each moment of each day whether to live in ways pleasing Christ.

Ephesians 4:24-And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. (KJV)

Looking to God in all seriousness believers learn life's ultimate possibilities. The Lord God enables faithful believers to achieve life's promising possibilities. The lives of the saints and martyrs teach the paths to holiness in the Lord God. The heart, mind and soul work together in achieving the believer's goals in life. To overcome and be cleansed of sin, the believer must seriously turn to God.

I Thessalonians 4:7-For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness. (KJV)

God's Holy Church provides the structure and teachings to effectively combat sin. Each person's choices, decisions and actions reflect the reply to the call to holiness. God's call to holiness contrasts greatly with the many different calls in the world. Temptations and perils in the world must be avoided on the path to holiness. With the Lord God's help, believers can respond well to the call to holiness.

Hebrews 12:14- Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: (KJV)

Each person determines the degree of adherence to following peace and holiness. Abundant are the many choices believers face during the days of earthly life. The world offers numerous different paths and choices for individuals to follow. Following the Lord God's path to holiness involves exercising wise choices. Experiencing the Lord in peace and holiness is the result of sound choices.

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