

“Holy, Holy, Holy”
(I Peter 1:1-16)

In the New Testament picture of the holiness of God nothing really changes – except its location! God’s holiness is not on a mountain, in a promised land, residing in a temple, or described in a set of laws. The Holy One Himself comes in Person! (Even the demons know that – Mk 1:24.) Persons who believe into Him as Savior, as Lord, are, themselves, “holified” by His indwelling Spirit (Acts 2:1-4).

Jesus Christ comes to earth not just to be the model for holy living, or, even the motive for holy living. He comes to be the MEANS of holy living. The Son of God incarnate demonstrates that it is possible to be human and to be Holy at the same time! That persons made in the image of God are able to receive and to live by the Holy Life of God (Jo 5:19; 6:38; 8:29; 14:10). He reveals that our humanity is no hindrance to the expression of Divine holiness. So, Peter is well within his rights to say to all the children of God, “Be holy yourselves also in all your behavior.” (I Pet 1:15) In Christ, the holiness of God comes nearer than any prophetic word or priestly service; nearer than any miracle or mighty work, nearer than any mountain or temple. He comes in Person to open the way into the full provision that makes participating in God’s own holiness not just a possibility... but a living reality (Heb 12:10; I Pet 1:16). To receive the Holy One by grace through faith is to be “holified” (sanctified - Heb 10:10,14), for in God’s New Covenant family, we become what we receive (I Jo 2:8; 4:17).

Children of the Second Birth have been reborn as “holy ones”. The only kind of children God has?” “Holy offspring” (Lk 1:35)! The Holy Spirit of God conceives holy children – created “holy and blameless”... “in the holiness of the truth” (Eph 1:4; 4:24). In I Peter 1:15,16, Peter is simply saying, “Let all your doings flow from you newly created being.” Holiness is an “inside job” that is meant to result in an “outside difference”. For us to “be holy in all our behavior”, Divinity must be at work in and through cooperating humanity. It is God’s pleasure, His delight to reproduce His Holy character in and through us. It is our greatest joy to abide in and abandon to a oneness with the Holy One!



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Greetings!

There is little argument among believers that the winds of this world are blowing against us. The intent of the forces behind such winds is to blow God's children "off course" - off the uncommon "Your Way, Your Truth, and Your Life" from above, into the common "my way, my truth, my life" of below. These winds may be strong and relentless, but they are no match for the Wind of God's Spirit.

Two of our secret weapons? We have "the mind of Christ,..." (I Cor 2:16) and we have "the compelling of God's love" (II Cor 5:14). With minds tethered to God's truth and hearts compelled by His love, "no weapon formed against us shall prosper." (Is 54:17) With the truth - what God says - we are free from the enslaving power of sin - the deceptions that lead to sinning. (Jo 8:31-36) By God's love the fear that keeps us wrapped up in our selves - leading to self-preserving choices - is cast away (I Jo 4:18).

In this world, the winds of tribulation and affliction are numerous and powerful - that's a promise (Jo 16:33). However, they are meant to precede the currents of God's Spirit bringing liberating revelation of God's truth and overcoming gifts of God's love and peace - that is also a promise (Jo 16:33).

Stay tethered to the truth and compelled by God's love. And be ready for the wind of God's Spirit to take you where HE wants you to go!

Calendar

MAY

- 12 Alachua Study
- 17-20 Anderson, SC (864-226-1789)
- 26 Ocala Study





JULY

- 10-12 Waymart, PA (mikeqdaniel.com)

AUGUST

- 14-16 Conway, SC (843-465-7280)

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-  Holy Spirit teaching in our churches
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