

HOLINESS IS WHAT I LONG FOR

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I. What Is Holiness and Do I Really Want It?

(Sounds impractical, unattainable, difficult and oppressive.)

We sing, "Holiness is what I long for." Really?

Humor: Like words in a sentence, to understand holiness we must put it in context.

3 words for "holiness"?

- What do you believe about holiness?
 - Is it a gain or loss?
 - Addition or elimination?
 - Do I sacrifice happiness? (God's way to misery?)
- God is more interested in your joy than you are.
 - We settle for too little, e.g. mud pies in slum
 - Mt 11:28-30
 - Ro 14:17
 - Gal 5:22
 - Is 61:3 oak
 - Ps 37:4 command & promise
- God wants what is best for us.
 - Agree?
 - Only He knows what is best for you?
 - Testimony: Surprised by holiness
- Holiness is separation from and to
 - Made holy Heb 10:10; Phil 1:1; I Cor 1:2
 - Becoming holy Heb 12:14
 - From sin I Th 4:3-7
 - From self rule Ro 6
 - To Christlikeness 2 Cor 3:18

Conclusion:

- H is our best gain. Our highest calling.
- Anything less is idolatry and self defeating.
- Song: Holiness is what I long for. Holiness is all I need. Change my heart, transform it. Change my will, conform it. Holiness.



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