



Grace Multiplied

New Life



Last Week

God gives us new birth in Christ to qualify us for an inheritance more valuable and permanent than anything in all of creation. All of Heaven stands in awe at what he has done.

Class Outline

October 1
Class Introduction

October 8
New Birth
(1 Peter 1:1-12)

October 15
New Life
(1 Peter 1:13-2:3)

October 22
New Purpose
(1 Peter 2:4-12)

October 29
New Freedom
(1 Peter 2:13-25)

November 5
New Relationships
(1 Peter 3:1-12)

November 12
New Confidence
(1 Peter 3:13-22)

November 19
New Urgency
(1 Peter 4:1-11)

November 26
New Reality
(1 Peter 4:12-19)

December 3
New Humility
(1 Peter 5:5-7)

December 10
New Destiny
(1 Peter 5: 1-4, 8-14)



Everest Expedition

- You have been selected to go on an Everest Expedition
- Your guide is an expert climber with a 100% success rate
- You are excited to be chosen to be on this team and confident that with this guide you will be successful.
- You wonder, what will the journey be like and what will I need

Everest Expedition

In you first meeting with the Guide, he gives you what it will take:

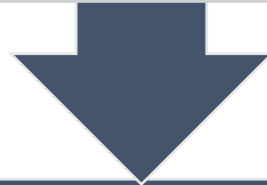
Changes to your
lifestyle

Items you will need

Items that will weight
you down and be
useless

How you need to
interact with you
journey mates

What your mindset will
need to be.



He outlines what it will take to be successful in your new life on this expedition.

1 Peter 1:13-2:3

13 Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. 14 As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, 15 but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, 16 since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”

Theme

God caused us to be born again through Jesus so that we might live a Holy life that pleases Him by the Holy Spirit

New Life

What is the purpose of God giving us new life?

What does it mean to be Holy

Ephesians 1:3-4

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love

Oswald Chamber - My Utmost for His Highest

“Continually restate to yourself what the purpose of your life is. The destined end of man is not happiness, nor health, but holiness. Nowadays we have far too many affinities, we are dissipated with them; right, good, noble affinities which will yet have their fulfilment, but in the meantime, God has to atrophy them. The one thing that matters is whether a man will accept the God Who will make him holy. At all costs a man must be rightly related to God.”

New Birth →
New Life →
Holiness

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- What is Holiness?
 - The root meaning of the word Holy means to cut, sever or separate.
 - God is Holy
 - He stands alone, he is not bound up with anything else. He is the Creator and not to be confused with the creation.
 - He calls us to be Holy
 - Breaking from old ways
 - Old sins to leave behind
 - New priorities to embrace

What is Holiness

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Holiness is not
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Holiness is not
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world

Holiness is Not

Holiness is not mere rule keeping

- It is easy to turn Holiness into sanctification by checklist
- Take care of a few bad habits, develop a couple good ones and you're set
- That doesn't address the idols of our hearts or need the Gospel

Holiness is not generational imitation

- Longing for bygone days is not going to make us Holy.
- The pursuit of Holiness was a challenge in past ears and it is today
- Every generation has blind spot and keen insights that will help us.

Holiness is Not

Holiness is not generic spirituality

- “spiritual, not religious”
- I want a personal life-changing relationship with God, not mere church attendance”
- True spirituality means being transformed by the Spirit through communion with the Father and the Son

Holiness is not finding your true self

- The world does pursue holiness
- The world’s holiness is found in being true to yourself
- True holiness is being true to God

Holiness is Not

Holiness is not the way of the world

- Some cultures are better than others, but all are opposed to God
- Being better Christians won't necessarily make the world love us
- If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in Him (1 John 2:16)

Holiness is

Holiness turns
away from sin by
the power of
Grace

Holiness is a life
marked by virtue
instead of vice

Holiness loves the
Word & and is
obedient to God's
Commands

Holiness is a desire
to grow more like
Christ and be with
him

Holiness lives in
the fear of the
Lord

Holiness loves
others like Christ
loved us

Holiness turns away from sin by the power of Grace

13 Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming.— 1 Peter 1:13

Holiness turns away from sin by the power of Grace

- Holiness is not something that happens to you it is something you actively pursue
- Temptation to sin is powerful
- Power of habit is very strong
- The power of temptation is stronger than your commitment
- Your commitment to Jesus is no match for your sin

Holiness turns away from sin by the power of Grace

- Peter starts this section with Therefore
- Our power to overcome sin comes from the new life God give us
- If we are struggling with a particular sin – we need to remember that the Holy Spirit lives in us
- We have the capacity to resist sin's temptation, but it requires preparation and action
- We need the prepare our minds to be self controlled when temptation comes.

Holiness is a life marked by virtue instead of vice

- Therefore, rid yourself of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind (1 Peter 2:1)
 - All these things oppose holiness in our lives – they will weight us down on our journey
 - When you or other identify them in your life – you now have the power to get ride of them
 - Don't wait for God to do these things, he expects you to do it

Holiness loves the Word

²³ For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. ²⁴ For,

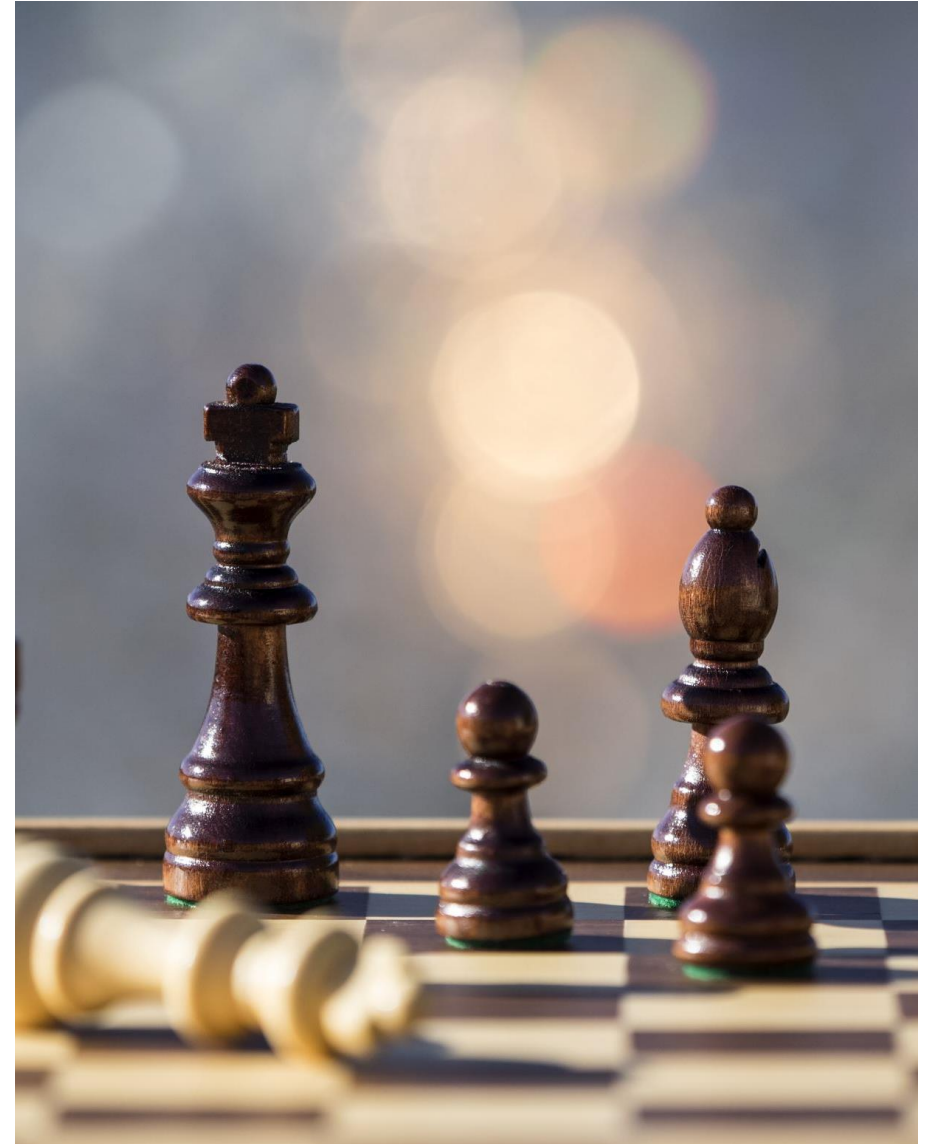
“All people are like grass,
and all their glory is like the flowers of the field;
the grass withers and the flowers fall,
²⁵ but the word of the Lord endures forever.”

And this is the word that was preached to you.

Holiness looks like obedience to God's Commands

- As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance.

1 Peter 1:14



Holiness looks like obedience to God's Commands

- When you receive new life from God, it starts are war inside you.
- When you weren't a Christian there was no war sin always won – you conformed to the pattern of this world
- Peter say is a later passage" abstain from sinful desires that war against your soul (1 Peter 2:11)
- Conformity takes no effort – nonconformity is uncomfortable and takes effort
- Our best weapon in the Word of God and Prayer



Holiness is a desire to grow more like Christ and be with Him

- 2 Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— 3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. (1 Peter 2:2-3)
- Set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus is revealed – 1 Peter 1:13
 - New Life gives you a different perspective on the life you live now.
 - Before – we believed that the life you live now in the most important and after we die is only an unknown shadow
 - Now – Our life now is but a shadow and the after we die, we will enter our life in full.
 - We live our lives in view of the grace we received through Jesus and the knowledge that we will see Him face to face

Holiness lives has the fear of the Lord

17 And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, 18 knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. (1 Peter 1:17-19)

- Past – you did your deeds to please yourself and other → emptiness
- Now – do you deeds before God considering what he has done for you in Jesus → Purpose

Holiness loves others like Christ loved us

- 22 Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, 23 since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God (1 Peter 1:23-24)

Holiness loves others like Christ loved us

- The relationships that we have with our brothers and sisters in Christ are of special importance because they will last for eternity
- The family of God is an outpost of eternity where holiness has begun
- The World can not see God, but they can see us loving each other.
- If our relationships are not different from the world, what will they think of Christianity?

Jesus is our example of Holiness

Love (John 13:34)

- ³⁴ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.

Humility (Philippians 2:5-8)

- ⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ^[a] ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ^[b] ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, ^[c] being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

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.Temptation to Sin (Heb 4:15)

- ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Steadfastness (1 Peter 4:1-2)

- **4** Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, ^[a] arm yourselves with the same way of thinking, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, ² so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God.

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Obedience (John 6:38, 14:31)

- ³⁸ For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me.
- ³¹ but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here.



Holiness = Christlikeness

God want us to lead a
Holy Life

What purpose does that
serve in the World today?

Next Week

Topic: New Purpose

Passage to Study - 1 Peter 2:4-12

Passage to Memorize - 1 Peter 2:9-10

- 9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.



Stonewall Jackson

“My religious belief teaches me to feel as safe in battle as in bed. God has fixed the time of my death. I do not concern myself with that, but always to be ready whenever it may overtake me. That is the way all men should live. Then all men would be equally brave”