

## October 14 | Sunday

The Hour that Changes Everything: Becoming Holy

Read [1 Peter 1:12-19](#) / [Psalm 51](#)



### 15 | Mon – Holy...who me? | Read [Ephesians 1:3-6](#)

How would you feel if someone called you a holy person? What do you think the word *holy* means? In the original Hebrew and Greek languages of the Old and New Testaments, the root words for *holy* meant *pure, undefiled, moral in character, uncorrupted, sharing God's purity*. Of course God is holy but do you believe that you can be *holy* too? Why?

### 16 | Tue – Holy...compared to what? | Read [Luke 18 9-14](#) / [Isaiah 6:1-8](#)

Sometimes it is easy to compare ourselves with others. The first example in Luke 18 happened at church. What was Jesus' comment? Now read about Isaiah's experience with God when he went to church. Contrast what Isaiah said about himself (v. 5) with the religious leader in the first story. See what changed Isaiah's perspective about himself (v. 7) and the response that resulted (v. 8). Do you ever go to church expecting a life-altering encounter?

### 17 | Wed – Holy...why? | Read [Colossians 1:9-14](#)

Why would God want to make people *holy* (re-read description above)? When you truly love someone, you want to be with them. And you'll do everything in your power to make that happen. Sin (corruption, impurity, Self sitting in God's place) is the barrier that keeps God and the people He loves separate. Since we can do nothing to make ourselves *holy*, God executed a plan that would fulfill the justice required by law, tear down that barrier, and rescue us from the kingdom of darkness. Do you know anyone else who loves you that much?

### 18 | Thu – Holy...but how? | Read [Colossians 1:21-23](#)

God tells us to be *holy* because He is. But we can't and God knows it. Although you'll never measure up to God's holiness and purity by your own efforts, Jesus has offered to transform your unholiness with his righteousness. But remember, it is not automatic - just offered. You chose and then it becomes a daily decision to live the way Jesus did. The Holy Spirit gives you the power to do so when you admit your need and ask for help. What freedom comes from knowing you don't have to become *holy* by your own efforts alone!

### 19 | Fri – Holy resources | Read [2 Peter 1:3-9](#)

Did you know God has provided everything you need to live a *holy* life? Read Peter's startling statement in v. 3-4. What promises have you discovered for yourself? They are the anchors when life tosses you around. You also have the help of the Holy Spirit who teaches and guides you (John 14:26) if you ask. When you understand all the available resources, does it give you more confidence? Don't worry about falling down sometimes. Pick yourself up and get back at it. *Holy* living is challenging but so rewarding!

### 20 | Sat – Focus on the holy | Read [Exodus 20:8-11](#) / [Isaiah 58:13-14](#)

If you are a marathon runner or a golfer, you practice those skills on your own, but you will grow more when you practice with others who share your passion. Becoming *holy* is a very personal thing but God has given you the gift of a *holy day* once a week, time to lay aside your regular responsibilities/distractions to rest and concentrate fully on being in God's presence along with others. There you can find support and offer encouragement to your fellow God pursuers. Are you expectantly taking full advantage of this gift each week?