

**Our Awesome God
is Holy... and He
calls us to be Holy**

What does it mean to be “Holy”?

- The definition: Set apart, sacred, consecrated
 - ✓ קֹדֶשׁ Qodesh (431 times)/ ἅγιος Hagios (232 times)
- Is God set apart, is He sacred?
 - ✓ He's the only one who is self-existent
 - ✓ He's the only one who is all-powerful
 - ✓ He's the only one who is all-knowing
 - ✓ He's the only one who is omni-present
 - ✓ He's the only one who can save us
 - ✓ He's the creator of everything seen and unseen
 - ✓ He's the only one who is perfect and without sin
 - ✓ He is most holy and sets the bar for holiness

How do we remind ourselves He is Holy?

Matthew 6:9-10 (ESV)

⁹ Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
¹⁰ Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

Remember, He's our God, He's our Father, and His magnificent throne room is in heaven.

We are to pray and act in a manner that brings His kingdom on earth in the same way it is already so in heaven. His will is that we become like Him... Holy

"Hallowed" is taken from the Greek word ἅγιος (hagios). We are called to revere our heavenly Father so all know that even His name, Yahweh, (YHWH) is holy.

Do you treat God's name as holy, and do you represent Him to the world with the utmost reverence?

What does God call us to be?

Leviticus 11:44a (HCSB) For I am Yahweh your God, so you must consecrate yourselves and be holy because I am holy.

1 Peter 1:15-16 (NIV2011) ¹⁵ But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do;¹⁶ for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

In the 3rd book of the Bible, we are called to pursue holiness so that we can imitate God, our creator and Lord.

Peter quotes Leviticus and reminds us that Holiness is not a "church" thing, it's a pursuit in everything we do.

Do you pursue holiness in everything that you do?

So if 'holy' means 'set apart' should we be like the Amish?

Did you know the *Center for Bible Engagement* researched 400,000 people, and found that those who engaged in scripture at least 4 times a week looked radically different than those who did not?

JOHN 17:14-18 (ESV) I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵ I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷ **Sanctify** them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.

When we follow Christ, we are no longer of this world, but are set apart and this results in the world's disdain for us.

'Sanctify' is from ἅγιος (hagios) – making us holy. Note that we are sanctified through hearing and following God's word.

Jesus' prayer was not to remove us from the unbelieving world, but to protect us and our efforts from Satan.

How did Jesus' great sacrifice prepare us to be holy?

Are you cleansed by Jesus' blood? Are you pursuing holiness?

Hebrews 10:14 (NKJV) For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being **sanctified**.

1 Peter 2:4-5 (NIV2011)⁴ As you come to him, the living Stone rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him-⁵ you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

When we follow Jesus as Lord and Savior, we are without guilt because of His sacrifice and the Holy Spirit transforms us.

We are called into the holy priesthood of all Christians – who shine the light of Christ like a city on a hill.

Jesus, though first rejected, is the Rock upon which we, the church, have been built upon.