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Natural Revelation

Special Revelation

(Philosophical and Scientific Evidence)

Bible

# *The Heavens Declare His Handiwork:*

*God's Revelation of Himself through the Things that Are Made*

**Romans 1:19** because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse (cosmological/creation evidence).

**Romans 2:15** they show the work of the Law written in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness

**Psalms 19:1** The heavens are telling of the glory of God; And their expanse is declaring the work of His hands. <sup>2</sup> Day to day pours forth speech, And night to night reveals knowledge (teleological/design evidence)

## Preparation for Bible Class: Living in and Enjoying the 3 Greatest Issues in Life

### #1- Salvation

Wow!



New Life =  
Planned from  
eternity past  
Eph 1:4

### #2- The Spiritual Life

Wow!



New Power =  
Divine Power &  
weapons for  
the spiritual warfare.  
Eph 6:10-18.

### #3 – Spiritual Maturity

Wow!



New Mind =  
Provision of PT &  
local assembly,  
Eph 4:12-16

## #1: OUR SALVATION GOES BACK TO ETERNITY PAST---WOW!

**Ephesians 1:4** just as He chose us in Him before the foundation (πρὸ καταβολῆς) of the world, that we should be **holy** [ἁγίους] and blameless before Him in love.



- Believers were chosen in Christ before the “throwing down” of the world. Every believer was in Christ before creation even took place.
- “chose” is in the middle voice: God did the choosing by Himself & for Himself.
- Stated goal of The eternal PPOG: Holy – set apart unto God = (away from sin and evil: world, flesh, devil)
- My first book? “How to make predestination work for you!”

# #2 – The Spiritual life

Power of God/ F-ship (ένδυναμοῦσθε ἐν κυρίῳ καὶ ἐν τῷ κράτει τῆς ἰσχύος αὐτοῦ) & the Weapons of Spiritual Warfare for the Angelic Conflict, Eph 6:10-18

KD = Satan's systems

THE ARMOR OF GOD

**EPHESIANS 6:10-18**  
 "... Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes." v. 10, 11

**The Shield of Faith** (Eph. 6:16)  
 Faith is being sure that God will keep His promises. Faith in God protects you when you are tempted to doubt.

**The Helmet of Salvation** (Eph. 6:17)  
 Put on the Helmet of Salvation by believing that Jesus Christ died for your sins and rose again.

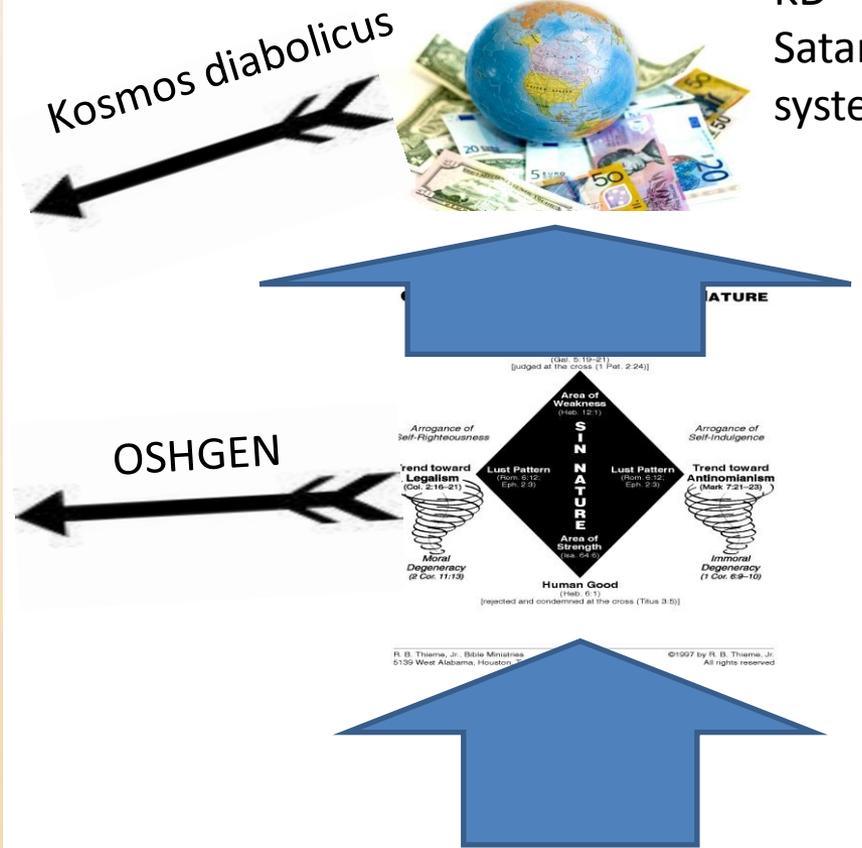
**The Breastplate of Righteousness** (Eph. 6:14)  
 Righteousness is being honest, good, humble, and fair to others. It means standing up for weaker people.

**The Belt of Truth** (Eph. 6:14)  
 Truth keeps us from giving in to the world's beliefs. Compare your beliefs and actions to the truth of the Word of God.

**The Sword of the Spirit** (Eph. 6:17)  
 which is the Word of God. God's Word is our offensive weapon. When we tell others what the Bible says, the Holy Spirit helps people see their bad thoughts and actions, and makes them want to be forgiven.

**Feet Prepared with the Gospel of Peace** (Eph. 6:15)  
 The Gospel of Peace is being right with God and being contented in troubled times. Jesus said peacemakers were blessed.

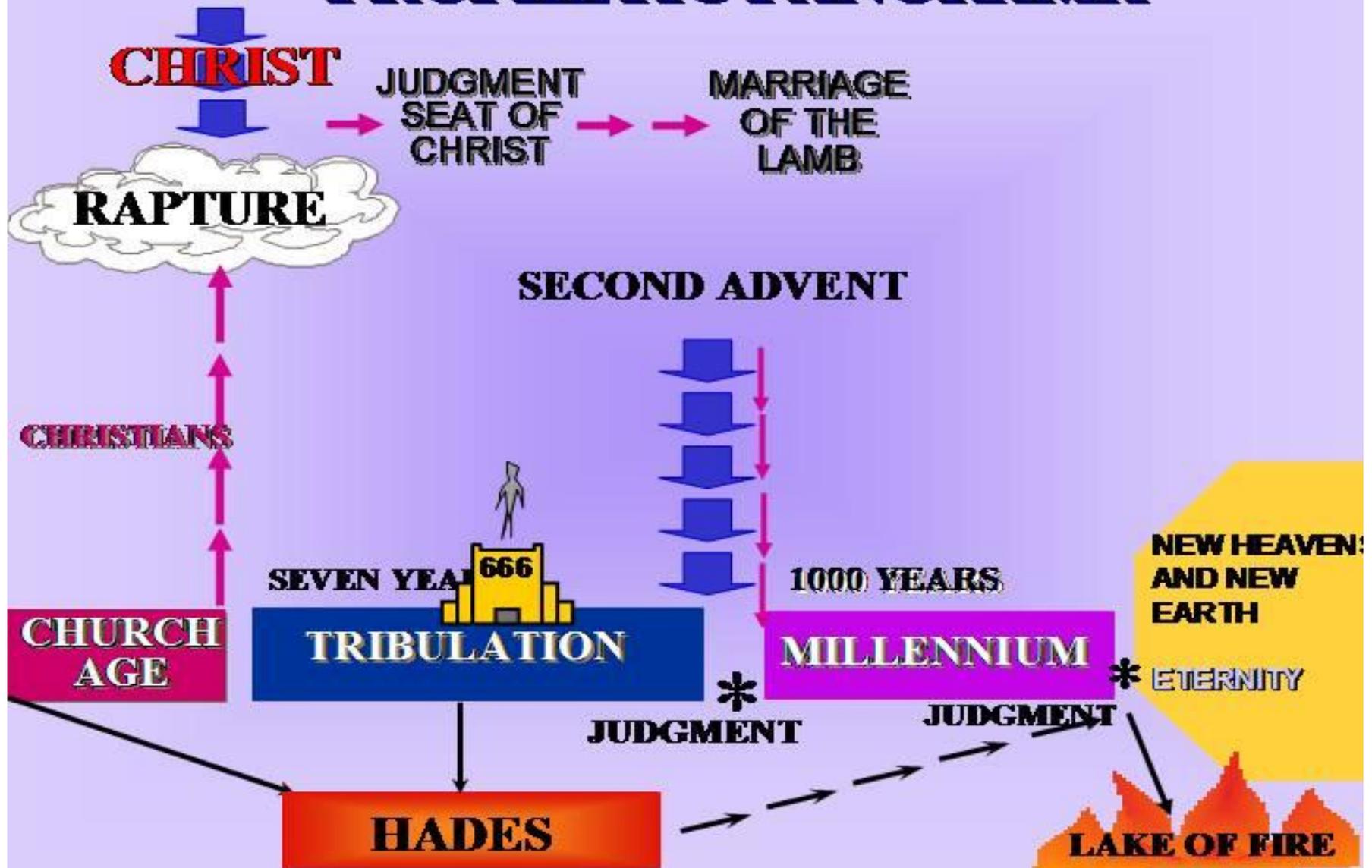
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## #3 Provisions for Spiritual Growth: the PT, the Word of God, and local assembly

**Ephesians 4:11-16**, And He gave some *as* apostles, and some *as* prophets, and some *as* evangelists, and some *as* pastors-teachers, <sup>12</sup> for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; <sup>13</sup> until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fulness of Christ. <sup>14</sup> As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves [ship without a rudder], and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; <sup>15</sup> but ~~speaking the truth~~ truthing it in love, we are to grow up in all *aspects* into Him, who is the head, *even* Christ, <sup>16</sup> from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by that which every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

# PROPHETIC PANORAMA



# The Judgment Seat of Christ The Bema of Christ 2 Cor. 5.10, 1 Cor. 3.11-15 Five Crowns



**Endure**  
The Crown of Life  
(Rev 2.10)  
Awarded to those who are faithful unto death.  
The Martyr's Crown



**Disciple**  
The Crown of Glory  
(1 Pet 5.2-4)  
Awarded for feeding and being an example to the Flock.



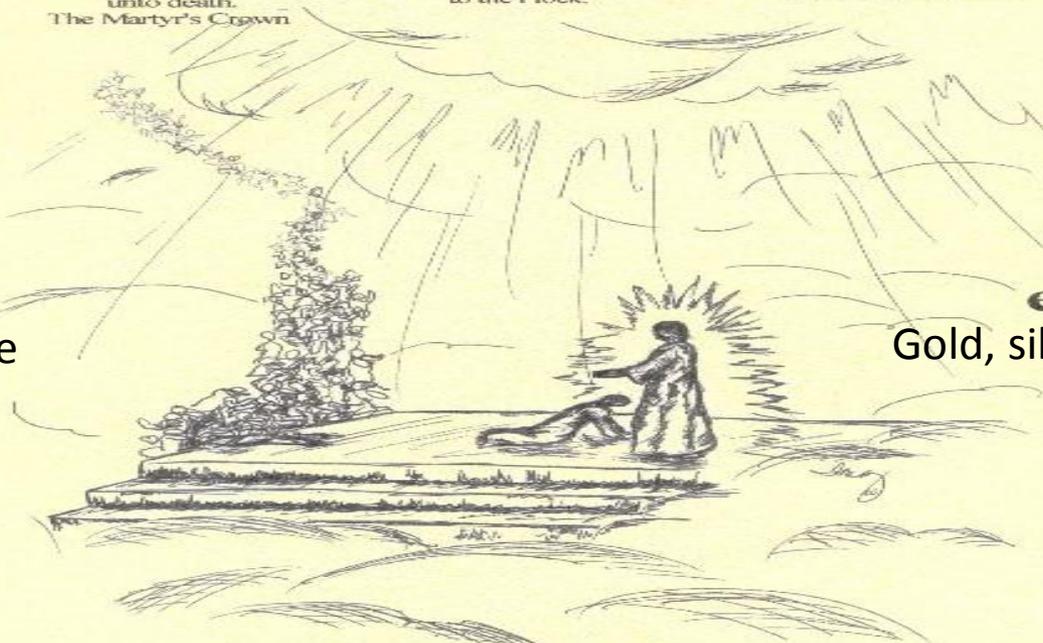
**Expect**  
The Crown of Righteousness  
(2 Timothy 4.8)  
Awarded to those who love His appearing.



**Evangelize**  
The Crown of Rejoicing  
(1 Thes. 2.19-20)  
Awarded to those who Win the lost to Christ  
The Soul-winners Crown

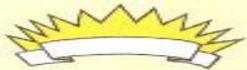


**Discipline**  
The Incorruptible Crown  
(1 Cor 9.25-27)  
Awarded for striving for the Mastery.  
The Victor's Crown

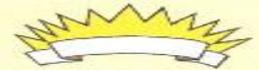


**Some will suffer loss.**  
Wood, hay, stubble

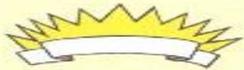
**Some will earn rewards.**  
Gold, silver, precious stones



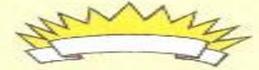
**Personal**  
To eat of the Tree of Life  
(Rev 2.7)  
The result of a heart full of love for Christ



**Passion**  
A Throne Given  
(Rev 3.21)  
The result of a fervent and pure heart.

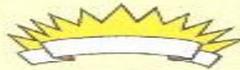


**Persevere**  
Not hurt of the Second Death  
(Rev 2.11)  
The result of a sound witness.

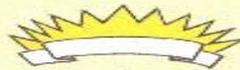


**Prove**  
A New Name Given  
(Rev 3.12)  
The result of holding to the things of God.

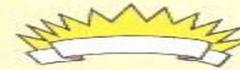
## Seven Privileges



**Persist**  
The Stone with a New Name  
(Rev 2.17)  
The result of holding to an equal Body.



**Protect**  
The Morning Star and Authority  
(Rev 2.26-29)  
The result of avoiding the world's lies.



**Pure**  
Divine Identification  
(Rev 3.5)  
The result of a pure walk.

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## REWARDS AT THE LAMB'S 1,000 YEAR MARRIAGE BANQUET – WOW!

**Revelation 19:7** "Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready." <sup>8</sup> **And it was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.** (τὰ δικαιώματα τῶν ἁγίων ἐστίν) <sup>9</sup> And he said to me, "Write, 'Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.'"



## The believer must put away all sin before taking in the Word of God

- **James 1:21-25** Therefore **AFTER** putting aside (**ἀποτίθημι**) all filthiness and *all* that remains of wickedness, in humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your ~~souls~~ lives (τὰς ψυχὰς).<sup>22</sup> But ~~prove yourselves~~ become doers (Γίνεσθε δὲ ποιηταὶ) of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.<sup>23</sup> For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror;<sup>24</sup> for *once* he has looked at himself and gone away, he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was.<sup>25</sup> But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the *law* of liberty, and abides in it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man shall be blessed in what he does.
- **1 Peter 2:1** Therefore, **AFTER** putting aside (**ἀποτίθημι**) all malice and all guile and hypocrisy and envy and all slander,<sup>2</sup> like newborn babes, long for the pure milk of the word, that by it you may grow in respect to salvation,

## The believer must put away sin before he can live the Spiritual Life

- **Hebrews 12:1** Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also **AFTER** laying aside (**ἀποτίθημι**) every encumbrance, and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.
- **Romans 13:12** The night is almost gone, and the day is at hand. Let us therefore lay aside (**ἀποτίθημι**) the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. <sup>13</sup> Let us behave properly as in the day, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual promiscuity and sensuality, not in strife and jealousy. <sup>14</sup> But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to *its* lusts.

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- **Ephesians 4:21** if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him, just as truth is in Jesus, <sup>22</sup> that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self (**ἀποτίθημι**), which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, <sup>23</sup> and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, <sup>24</sup> and put on the new self, which in *the likeness of* God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.
- **Colossians 3:8** But now you also, put them all aside (**ἀποτίθημι**): anger, wrath, malice, slander, *and* abusive speech from your mouth. <sup>9</sup> Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its *evil* practices, <sup>10</sup> and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him
- **1 John 1:5** And this is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup> If we say that we have fellowship with Him and *yet* walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; <sup>7</sup> but if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup> If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

## LIFE OF DAVID (67) Holiness & Separation



### High Price of Saul's Failure at Sanctification/Separation

**1 Samuel 15:23** "For rebellion is as the sin of divination, And insubordination is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He has also rejected you from *being* king."

**1 Samuel 15:28** So Samuel said to him, "The LORD has torn the kingdom of Israel from you today, and has given it to your neighbor who is better than you."

## The Doctrine of Separation must be Understood in the Context of the Biblical doctrine of Sanctification/Holiness

### 1. The New Testament words for holiness

- HAGIASMOS - ἁγιασμός
- HAGIOS - ἅγιος
- HAGIADZO - ἁγιάζω
- HOSIOS - ὁσιος - results of set-apartness; intrinsic spiritual quality of purity, righteousness inward and outward

### 2. Old Testament word for holiness

- QODESH - קֹדֶשׁ - set apart, consecrated

### 3. Meaning of holiness.

- **Root meaning is separation**
- Relation word signifying the state of being separated and set apart to
- The popular meaning of purity is secondary and derivative
- Saul failed to separate from evil and separate to God and the POG

## 4. PASSAGES ON THE HOLINESS OF GOD

**Psalm 99:9** Exalt the LORD our God, And worship at His holy hill; For holy is the LORD our God.

**Isaiah 5:16** But the LORD of hosts will be exalted in judgment, And the holy God will show Himself holy in righteousness.

**Luke 1:75** In holiness and righteousness before Him all our days.

**Revelation 4:8** And the four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around and within; and day and night they do not cease to say, "Holy, holy, holy, *is* the LORD God, the Almighty, who was and who is and who is to come."

**Exodus 15:11** "Who is like Thee among the gods, O LORD? Who is like Thee, majestic in holiness, Awesome in praises, working wonders?"

**Isaiah 29:23** But when he sees his children, the work of My hands, in his midst, They will sanctify My name; Indeed, they will sanctify the Holy One of Jacob, And will stand in awe of the God of Israel.

**5. The Holiness of God as an Attribute:**

- **God has two major categories of attributes: metaphysical and moral**
- **The metaphysical attributes of God are infinite and are incommunicable**
- **The moral attributes of God are communicable – they do not necessitate infinitude**
- **The holiness of God defies simple categorization, for it combines both metaphysical and moral dimensions**

**6. Description of the holiness of God.**

- **God's holiness, as He is set apart from all evil, sin, creation, and imperfections, points to Him as the Supreme Being and the grounding of all true goodness. He is the determiner of anything that is good. There is no evil or sin in Him, period!**
- **God is far more than just the Biggest, Most Powerful, Smartest Person on the Block, cf. Science fiction as per Star Trek.**
- **God is the infinitely Supreme Being, totally separated from all evil and sin.**
- **We are commanded to be holy which is to say that we are to be grounded in His supreme existence (i.e. fellowship) – set apart unto Him and away from evil & sin.**
- **When we are grounded in His very being, we receive His communicable attributes such as love, patience, faithfulness, kindness, and love.**
- **Living in and loving the Supreme Being of God is what it is all about!**

## 7. The Angelic Triple Doxology on the Holiness of God

- ***Isa 6:3, And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy (שׁוֹדוֹשׁוּ שׁוֹדוֹשׁוּ שׁוֹדוֹשׁוּ), is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.***
  - God never allows a sorrow or emptiness in the life, without being ready to fill emptiness with Himself.
  - Sorry and loss are meant to prepare us for “vision” of God. They are designed to focus our souls on God Himself
  - The vision of Isaiah is the revelation of Yahweh as king of Judah.
  - Reflect on the significance of the threefold Holy, Holy , Holy?
  - Isaiah was not “living in sin,” yet when he grasped the holiness of God, why do you think he scream?
  - Can man really see his our own uncleanness apart from really “seeing” God
  - What affect did his cleansing have with regard to his life and service to God?
  - Consider his attitude in regard to the ministry of hardening –vol.

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## 8. Christ's High Priestly Prayer for our Holiness by means of the Word of God

### John 17:1-17

**17:17**, "Sanctify them in the truth; Thy word is truth. <sup>18</sup> "As Thou didst send Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup> "And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth.

**John 17:20** "I do not ask in behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word; (Joh 17:20 NAS)

## 9. The Mandate of Holiness

**1 Peter 1:15** but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all *your* behavior (ἀναστροφῆ);

- This is the maximum of possible attainment, the minimum of imperative duty!
- Holiness is God's calling on your life, cf Eph 1:4. Why He does everything . . . The holiness of God which is capable of imitation by us is His separation from all impurity
- The Holy Spirit is the divine agent of holiness, as per His name
- Christianity is not so much about doing as it is about becoming – sanctification!
- The greatest gift which gives the greatest capacity for all true gifts is transformation
- “behavior” refers to the outward life and would certainly include all of the things we have studied with regard to mental and physical separation
  - Separation from the OSN through Rom 6-8
  - Separation from the kosmic systems that distract you from BD
  - Separation from the lies of Satan, Jn 8:44 – cf gospel, SL, God, grace, religion
  - Separation from anyone and anything that threatens your relationship with God, Mt 10:34-37, 19:27-29
  - Separation unto God through the FHS and Bible doctrine.
- Christian life is to be lived in common everyday life – not ascetically. Able to ascribe holiness to the Lord on all that you have and do – nothing too small or large?

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- In sanctification God becomes the summum bonum and as a result the believer able to enjoy all of the creature comforts and blessings of life because of capacity and keeping first things first. The POG = priority!
- Only Christianity presents the true view of God and man---the depravity of man and the grace of God.
- Mental and physical separation enables the believer to live and grow in truth. Mental separation is especially powerful during people testing, especially in troubled times in marriage.
- We will become like those we walk with, Prov 13:20; Psa 1:1; 1 Jn 1:6-9
- The WOG enables the believer to live with God, overcome KD, live an abundant life, and be salt and light to a dying world.

## 9. The Mandate of Holiness

**1 Thessalonians 4:3** For this is the will of God, your sanctification; *that is*, that you abstain from sexual immorality;

**1 Thessalonians 4:7** For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.

**1 Thessalonians 5:23** Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Romans 12:1** I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, *which is* your spiritual service of worship.

**2 Corinthians 7:1** Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.