

Being Holy!

This week is called **Holy Week** because of the things that happened each day that caused Jesus to be crucified.

If Christ had not hung on the cross, died for our sins and been resurrected He would not have defeated Satan's powers, and neither could we!

Jesus had a script to follow that would lead Him to the cross, He gave Himself **exclusively** humbly following it and played His role.

Psalm 40:7 Then I said, "Behold, I have come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me:

8 I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."

Jesus doing the will of The Father was in itself a **holy act!**

As we go about our daily lives this week let's be holy as He is Holy!

KJV Leviticus 20:7 Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I am the LORD your God.

KJV 1 Peter 1:15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;

16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

❖ **Holiness is sacredness, set apartness, and otherness!**

To be **sacred** means being **dedicated** to something, in our case God!

A steak knife's purpose is to cut steaks, it can be used for other purposes but it was made **exclusively** to cut steaks.

To be **set apart** means to be removed from the crowd and used **exclusively** by God!

When a ball player is drafted by a team, they are pick out from among many others, separated, and chosen to **exclusively** play for that team.

To be **other** is to **special, unique, not common, ordinary or typical!**

When you got married you became **exclusively** joined to your spouse, you became **other** and your relationship with others **common!**

KJV Exodus 15:11 Who is like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods? who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?

The (little “g” gods) were gods, but they were **not holy!**

They are not sacred, separate, or other; they were not dedicated to mankind, they rebelled against God and betrayed man.

Satan, the devil, and demons have no loyalty to people, they will leave people and go to the next person, place or community that gives them space to operate.

Do you realize Jesus said I will never leave you or forsake you, but the devil will leave you and demons will depart from you and enter anyone they can!

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There's **no God** like **Jehovah**, glorious in **holiness!**

Jehovah is so far above and beyond any god that He is glorious!

God created everything good and glorious because He Himself is good and glorious.

How then can anything He created **not** give God glory for the glory He shares with them?

Psalm 29:1 <A Psalm of David.> Give unto the LORD, O ye mighty, give unto the LORD glory and strength.

2 Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

Again, since it was God that gave His sons **strength & might**, His sons must **acknowledge** that God is full of **strength & might!**

Declaring that our strength and might came only from God is a holy act!

It's declaring God's holiness, because we're saying **only** Jehovah has the willingness and the power to make us this powerful!

Our power comes **exclusively** from Jehovah God, so we use our power exclusively for God—that makes us holy!

Our righteousness comes **exclusively from God!**

Since we **belong** to God and God **belongs** to us; He is **exclusively** ours and we are **exclusively** His—He is holy unto us as we are holy unto Him.

Holiness now comes from a deeper place!

It's not just about the clothes I wear, the places I go etc.

Because I belong **exclusively to God** what I wear, where I go, the things I say and do are about pleasing Him only (**exclusively**).

1 Peter 1:14 Because you are children who obey God, don't live the kind of lives you once lived. Once you lived to satisfy your desires because you didn't know any better.

15 But because the God who called you is holy you must be holy in every aspect of your life.

Peter is saying now that we belong **exclusively** to God, we must live a lifestyle that pleases God and no one else **not** even ourselves!

1 Corinthians 6:19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

Once we **belonged** to Satan the god of this world, once we confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord we **belong** to God body, soul and spirit.

Jesus bought and paid for us with **His won blood!**