

Holiness

Sanctify – Holiness The Verb

1 Thessalonians 5:12-24

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Francis Pieper – prominent 1800s Lutheran Theologian

The revelation of God's holiness teaches us two important lessons.

1. In the first place, we must enter into His presence with deep awe and great reverence. Jehovah's throne is an awe-full throne, before which we are, as Abraham said, nothing but dust and ashes. (Genesis 18:27 as Abraham negotiated with God to spare Sodom)
2. But, secondly, we can come into His presence with confidence and joy, because the holiness of God has been perfectly appeased through Christ's vicarious atonement (Rom. 5:1, 10; Eph. 3:11-12).

1 Thessalonians 5:12, 23-24 ¹²We ask you, brothers, ... ²³Now may the God of peace himself _____ you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

What God has done in you ...

Leads to what God is _____ in you ... _____

Bumper sticker theology ~ "I'm not perfect, just _____"

Holiness is

1. You are connected to the source of holiness ~ Exodus 3:5
2. You are _____ as His ~ 1 Corinthians 6:19-20
3. You are separated from the common and the ordinary ~ Lev. 10:10
4. You are separated from what is sinful and defiles ~ Leviticus 11
5. You are maturing into obedience ~ Lev. 20:7-8 & 1 Cor. 3:1-13

1 Peter 1:13-25

Holiness-set apart _____ God's grace to _____ His