

*HOW  
CAN I BE  
HOLY?*



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### COVER

*While the crosses which display tightly budded ends suggest the immature Christian, the symbol used here is that of the Cross Fleuree, which by its more fully flowered ends denotes the maturing Christian.*

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

I Peter 1:16

I want to be holy! Jesus wants me to be holy! Seven times in the book of Leviticus God says, "Ye shall be holy, for I am holy." Then Paul writes in I Thess. 4:7, "God has called us to holiness", and in I Thess. 5:24, "Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it."

We have three marvelous examples of holiness. Holy is the Father; Holy is the Son; and Holy is the blessed Holy Spirit. The main work of the Holy Trinity in the earth today, is to call out a people for Himself and make them holy, as He is holy. Luke 1:17, "To make ready a people, prepared for the Lord."

In His holy atonement on the cross of Calvary, Jesus has made every provision to

bring this to pass. Jesus made an atonement for our spirit, our soul, and our body, and that is all there is to any of us.

You know God is a holy God, I Peter 1:16. He wants His people to be holy.

Why? Because the living Head of the church is holy, and He will have a body, a church that is holy. He will have a bride that is holy. He will not be unequally yoked with a wordly, fleshly, carnal, unholy bride, but a bride that is holy as He is holy.

Holiness is the very nature and character of God. That is why all Heaven sings, Holy is He that Is, Holy is He that Was, Holy is He that Evermore Shall Be. Rev. 4:8 and Rev. 20:6 says, "Holy is He that has part in the first resurrection." "And you that were sometimes alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath He reconciled in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreproveable in His sight:" Col. 1:21, 22.

Oh wonderful Jesus! How we love and adore Him, for so great a salvation!

Yes, we want to be holy, we must be holy, but how can we be holy, when we know we are so unholy?

My dear friends: If you will read this pamphlet through to the end, I am sure you will find your answer.

We have to begin where Jesus began.

I must talk to you about something you have heard, but may not understand. Do you know what really happened to you when you were born again? Thousands do not know. You say "My sins were forgiven." Yes, but that is an Old Testament experience. Nicodemus knew he could take a little lamb to the temple for a sin offering and have his sins forgiven, but all his works brought no impartation of divine life to him. One day he met Jesus and felt He had the answer. So he went to him "by night." That is how all of us have come to Jesus since the fall — 'by night'. There was 'night' in our spirit, our soul and our body, so

Jesus said, "Ye must be born again." This is more than sins forgiven, more than church membership, more than taking communion, more than water baptism. Jesus gave Nicodemus, John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Have something! - now, have everlasting life - a quality of life in which is a new source of life; in which is the possibility of a whole new existence. This is the beginning of God in you. I John 5:12, "He that hath the Son, hath life." Then, I must have the Son to have everlasting life in me? Yes, the Son will come into you. St. John 14:23, Jesus said, "The Father and I will come to you, and take up our abode with you." II Corin. 6:16, "Ye are the temple of the living God," and God hath said, "I will dwell in you." God promises He will take up His

residence in you, the abode He wants to control.

II Cor. 6:16, "I will dwell in them and walk in them. I will be their God, and they shall be my people."

He is our Mighty God, our "Everlasting Father" Isa. 9:6. He is our Father; He fathered us. If He has fathered us, then we have His holy nature, the very nature of God. God will come into us in the new birth. This is the new creation, God in us — Jesus in us in a new creation, II Cor. 5:17, subduing the old flesh, crucifying the old nature, casting out the devil, overcoming the world, conquering all His enemies in us, until there is none of self but Christ is all and in all. Hallelujah! Christ is in you. The new birth is the beginning of God in you. This is the secret of how you can be holy, as He is Holy. You have the Holy Christ in you. He is now your life, your new nature. The new you is Christ. The old 'you' is not 'you' anymore. The Holy Christ lives in

you, a life that has never been in you before; a power, a dynamic, that has never been in you before. In that life is the very holiness of God. The very essence of God is imparted to you. II Cor. 5:17, says "old things are passed away, behold all things have become new." Say it over and over again, "the old you isn't you anymore."

He is our "Everlasting Father" — He fathers us. Let's find that in the scriptures. Look at I Peter 1:23. "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever." Who is the word of God? Jesus, is the word of God, John 1:1.

Now, He directs our attention to a seed. He fathers this new creation that is in you and He talks to us about the seed. Now, read on and you will find something precious.

Maybe, you are 20-30-50-60 years of age, but the beginning of you was a teeney,

weeney seed that you could hold by the hundreds on the end of your finger. Is that right? Yes; well, potentially, in that little seed was all that you are right now.

Your eyes were in that little seed. Your ears were in that little seed. Your heart, your brain, your lungs, every organ in your body, your hands, your feet were in that little seed. Your nature was in that little seed, and if you live to be a hundred years old, all you will ever need is in that seed. It just needs to be released, to evolve, to develop and mature. But, this seed has no spiritual life in it. It's a corruptible seed, full of old Adam's poison, the work of the flesh, Gal. 5:19-21 — "Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like. They which do such things, shall not enter the kingdom of God."

We must be born again spiritually of an incorruptible seed, (incorruptible, means it has everlasting life in it, it will never die — just as Jesus said, “shall not perish, but have everlasting life.”)

Who is this incorruptible seed? He is introduced to us by God, in that passage in Genesis, fittingly considered by many as the first Gospel, the first good news. God speaking to satan says, Genesis 3:15 — “I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed. It shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.” Man, God’s precious creation, sold under sin, hears from God, the promise of a glorious deliverance and victory. His own seed, conceived by the Holy Spirit in the womb of Mary would engage in a battle against satan, and satan’s seed — sin, sickness, death, hell, and the grave, and overcome him, accomplishing our deliverance. Faith-filled

hearts, receive the incorruptible seed, “the Word of God,” which is His eternal truth, his righteousness, his pure nature, his love for the Heavenly Father, and that power “by which He is able to subdue all things unto Himself.” Phil. 3:21. This is the power in us, that enables us to be holy, as He is holy.

This truth, this power, this love, this life is all in the incorruptible seed which God plants in our lives, in the new birth. In this seed is all the “fruit of the spirit, Love, Joy, and Peace, Longsuffering, Gentleness, Goodness, Faith, Meekness, and Temperance.” (Gal. 5:22, 23) “Walk in the spirit and you shall not fulfil the lusts of the flesh.” (Gal. 5:16) These two forces within us are constantly fighting each other to win control, and our wishes are never free from their pressure. These two natures are like siamese twins, one must die, so that the other can live. I John 3:9 - “Whosoever is

born of God, doth not commit sin, for His seed remaineth in him."

Holiness is a character quality. Holiness is not given to us as a gift. When we are born again, we receive Christ's nature, given to us as a gift, imparted to us on the basis of His redemption, but character qualities are the produce of discipline; overcoming of trials, sorrow, heartaches, hardships; and intensive spiritual living. Christ is in us, but only as we let him live, can holiness be lived out through us. Instead of anger, let His love live, instead of impatience, let the Patient One live His patience through us. "That which is born of the flesh, is flesh. That which is born of the spirit, is spirit." Even though we are born again, it is still possible to sow to the flesh. God in His mercy, shows us the utter folly, the utter ruin, the utter futility, the utter vanity, of the carnal realm. We must sow to the spirit. God, help us to realize, the more we live in

the spirit, the less will the world and the flesh, with its traps and snares that the enemy has set for our feet, be able to catch us. It is 'either - 'or', the flesh or the spirit, the carnal or the spiritual, the world the flesh and the devil, or the Holy, the pure, the heavenly. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are on our side. Jesus is coming for a church, a people who believe the character of Jesus can be lived in his people. (Co. 2:6.) "As ye have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in Him." To be in Christ Jesus, means to be separated, emancipated, hidden, protected in Him, holy in all manner of conversation.

We hear folks say, "Why am I here? What is this life all about?" God has given us three score years and ten. Why? For the purpose, the privilege of receiving his incorruptible seed in preparation for the next life. This life is not the real thing. This is just the second phase, (as it were). Three

score years and ten to prepare for the real thing, the eternal ages with God, and potentially, all that God will ever ask of us, all that God will ever require of us. All that we will ever be throughout the eternal ages, potentially, is in that incorruptible seed which is "Christ in you, the Hope of Glory."

We were nine months preparing for the earth life, now He gives us three score years and ten to prepare for the eternal ages. There are three lives that we live, the first one is nine months long, in which we are making all of our preparations to live in this world. We are growing eyes and ears, hands and feet, and all the instruments we will need to live in this world, and then Paul says in I Cor. 13:10, "When that which is perfect is come, that which is in part shall be done away," so we discard the old house and we are born a perfect little human being.

We soon learn that we need those two feet to walk, and aren't we glad we have two good eyes to see this beautiful Spring God has given us, and ears to hear the song of the birds and the laughter of little children. We are only given three score years and ten, because this isn't the real thing. This life is not just to make money, to purchase things, and to add land to land, car to car, marry and raise children. The real purpose of this life, from God's point of view is that we surrender our total being, spirit, soul, and body to Him; that we be born again spiritually; that we receive the incorruptible seed, His Holy Son in us in which is the possibility of all our eternity with God, and from that seed He can reap the harvest He wants.

The next life, is the real life that we'll live with Him through eternal ages.

Have you ever planted seed? Only living seed will grow. When you plant corn, you



want to reap corn. When you plant potatoes, you want to reap potatoes. When the Father plants His Holy Son in us, He wants to reap a full grown Christ. Jesus becomes our new self. "I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." The old you isn't you anymore. Jesus is the new you. Jesus is alive in you. Jesus in your new life. You are a new creation and everything that God wants, waits to be released in you. Feed that new life. Something wonderful is happening inside of you. Is it real to you that Jesus lives in you? Is His life really your life? Then you can be holy with the holiness of God. You can be righteous with His righteousness, because it is not you, but Christ who liveth in you. Let Him stand up in you, and meet your circumstances, Let Him live and reign through your trials and temptations. He is all you need to live a holy, victorious, overcoming life.

Thanks for reading until now my dear,

but please read on, this most important part.

When Jesus comes (and we are expecting Him so soon), when He comes for us, only what His Holy Christ within us has developed, will go. Only as much of Christ as we have "put on" (developed), only that will go in the rapture. This incorruptible seed is the new you. The new creation you. The new man in you is Christ. Feed that new life in you. Feed on His word, live in the spirit.

Jesus said, "My meat and my drink is to do the will of Him that sent me." Do His will, eat His word, stay in His presence.

Paul says in I Cor. 15:23, In the resurrection, "every man in his own order" (in his own cohort, or regiment, or for whatever we have qualified, so indeed we must be holy). We can be holy, because the Holy Christ is now our life. His nature is our new nature. It wasn't hard to be like our parents, we had

their nature. It isn't hard to be like Jesus, we have His Holy nature, and in him, we see Him, so we shall be like Him for we shall see Him as He is.

While ministering in Indiana, a twelve year old boy asked us to pray for him. He said I am being persecuted. Today the persecutor was troubling me. I remembered what you said, that Jesus was inside me, I should let Him meet my foes, my troubles and my trials, so I stood still and prayed, saying, "Jesus, the devil is at the door, will you please answer the door for me?" And when the devil saw who was inside of me, he said, "excuse me please, I'm at the wrong house."

When you plant seed, you want the rain to water it so it will grow. Jesus has promised the believer the "latter rain." It will come on the seed and cause it to grow. Joel 2:23. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit saith the Lord." Zech. 4:6.

The holy Seed, the Holy Christ is in you; the dynamic, the power to live a holy life, so put off the old man, Eph. 4:22, put on the new man and let Him live.

We must grow, we must mature, for when Jesus comes for us, only Jesus will go to be united with the Holy Son of God, "He that is holy, will have part in the first resurrection."