

# S.O.H.L.

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## WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

*Pronounced "Soul"*

# Be Holy, For I Am Holy

**LEVITICUS 11:44-45** NASB – (44) I am the LORD your God; consecrate yourselves and be holy, because I am holy. Do not make yourselves unclean by any creature that moves about on the ground. (45) I am the LORD who brought you up out of Egypt to be your God; therefore be holy, because I am holy.

In the beginning, God's design was to make humanity in His image (**Gen. 1:26**). But the plan seemed disrupted when Adam and Eve succumbed to temptation. Of all the privileges they forfeited—Eden's perfect environment, harmony in relationships, and a pain-free life—the greatest loss was their likeness to the Creator. A sinful man and woman do not look much like their holy God. Since each of us has inherited the first couple's "flesh" nature, we don't closely resemble Him either. God wasn't surprised by this turn of events. His plan went on just as He'd always intended, in that He still provided salvation for mankind. Through Jesus Christ's sacrifice, sins are forgiven and the sinner is reborn as a holy and blameless person. The Holy Spirit enters each new believer's life and begins molding the renewed heart and mind into Christ likeness. Like any good Father, God is pleased by a child who resembles Him.

Christ is calling His people to be Holy, because He is Holy. He is calling us to have a form of godliness, but to be Holy.

To be Holy means to be "spiritually pure. There is no darkness in Him, therefore, when people see the people of God or the "church", they should see the light. A light that only reflects the nature of Christ.

In the above scripture, God tells us to consecrate or sanctify ourselves which means to be set apart from worldliness or again, to be spiritually pure. This is done through full obedience to His word.

**1 PETER 1:15-16** NASB - (15) but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; (16) because it is written, "**YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY.**"

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Isaiah 59:2

### **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

Forgiveness does not make the act o.k., It makes you o.k.

