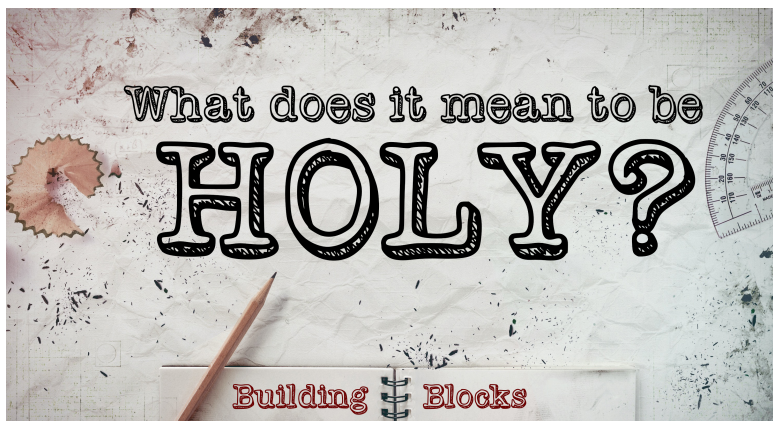


## 4 • To Be Holy is to Be LIKE My Father

We've been using [1 Peter 1:13-16](#) as a key passage throughout this series. Let's read it one more time and notice where it ultimately leads us...



Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient \_\_\_\_\_, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but \_\_\_\_\_ he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, "\_\_\_\_\_ shall be holy, for \_\_\_\_\_ holy." And if you call on him as \_\_\_\_\_...

What does it mean to be holy? **To be holy is to be like my Father in heaven.** Do you remember in Part 2 of our series studying [2 Corinthians 6](#) about being **SEPARATE**, different, or distinct? What was the promise we read in [2 Corinthians 6:17-7:1](#)?

"Therefore go out from their midst,  
and be separate from them, says the Lord,  
and touch no unclean thing;  
then I will welcome you,  
and I will be a \_\_\_\_\_ to you,  
and you shall be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to me,  
says the Lord Almighty."

Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to \_\_\_\_\_ in the fear of God.

**To be holy is to be an obedient child, like my Father in heaven.** How does that start?

Where does it lead? How can I bring holiness to completion? Let's go back to **1 Peter**:

- ☆ I have to \_\_\_\_\_ to the call of "the good news" ([1:15, 24-25](#))
- ☆ By my obedience to the truth, I can be \_\_\_\_\_ again ([1:22-23](#))
- ☆ With God's help, I begin to see things \_\_\_\_\_ ([1:14](#))
- ☆ I live as a sojourner or exile, keeping my conduct \_\_\_\_\_ ([2:1-3, 11-12](#))

That's how anyone can be a part of the "holy priesthood" that offers up "spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ ([2:5](#)). That's the way anyone can be part of "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession" ([2:9-10](#)).

What does it mean to be holy? To be holy is to be **dedicated**, "set apart." To be holy is to be **separated**, "distinct" or "different." To be holy is to be **prepared**, "sober-minded." To be holy is to be **like my Father** in heaven. Let's talk about it...

## For Class & Family Discussion:

- Let's dig a little deeper into those four points brought out near the end of our video. **To be holy is to be an obedient child, like my Father in heaven.** How does that start? Where does it lead? How can I bring holiness to completion?
  - ★ I have to listen to the call of “the good news” (1 Pet 1:15, 24-25). Is God still “calling” today? If so, how? What do I need to do in order to really listen to that call the way my Father in heaven expects me to?
  
  - ★ By my obedience to the truth, I can be born again (1 Pet 1:22-23). In your own words, what does it mean to be born again? How is that even possible? Jesus' words in John 3:1-5 might be really helpful here...
  
  - ★ With God's help, I begin to see things differently (1 Pet 1:14). Why is it really, really important for us to listen when our Father in heaven tells us “do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance”? What does that mean?
  
  - ★ I live as a sojourner or exile, keeping my conduct honorable (1 Pet 2:1-3, 11-12). 2 Corinthians 7:1 called us to “cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit.” What sort of things have to be “put away” if I'm going to be holy as my Father is holy? Why does Peter compare the holy people of God to “sojourners and exiles”? In your own words, what does “honorable” conduct look like?
  
- In his famous Sermon on the Mount, Jesus talked about this same thing. Let's read Matthew 5:43-48 together. How did Jesus make this really practical for us? If I'm going to be a “son” or “daughter” of my “Father who is in heaven,” what must I do?
  
- Let's take a moment to think about how incredibly awesome it is to be called “sons” and “daughters of God.” Is anything more valuable or important than that? If no, why not?