



Holy Shift

Kadosh - to be set apart
Hagios - holy/sacred

Leviticus 19:1-2 (NIV) **1 The Lord said to Moses, 2 “Speak to the entire assembly of Israel and say to them: ‘Be holy because I, the Lord your God, am holy.’**

1 Peter 1:15-16 (NIV) **15 But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; 16 for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.”**

Matthew 5:48 (NIV) *Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.*

Luke 11:37-46 (NIV) **37 When Jesus had finished speaking, a Pharisee invited him to eat with him; so he went in and reclined at the table. 38 But the Pharisee was surprised when he noticed that Jesus did not first wash before the meal. 39 Then the Lord said to him, “Now then, you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness. 40 You foolish people! Did not the one who made the outside make the inside also? 41 But now as for what is inside you—be generous to the poor, and everything will be clean for you. 42 “Woe to you Pharisees, because you give God a tenth of your mint, rue and all other kinds of garden herbs, but you neglect justice and the love of God. You should have practiced the latter without leaving the former undone. 43 “Woe to you Pharisees, because you love the most important seats in the synagogues and respectful greetings in the marketplaces. 44 “Woe to you, because you are like unmarked graves, which people walk over without knowing it.” 45 One of the experts in the law answered him, “Teacher, when you say these things, you insult us also.” 46 Jesus replied, “And you experts in the law, woe to you, because you load people down with burdens they can hardly carry, and you yourselves will not lift one finger to help them.**

1. Holiness is acknowledging what is HAPPENING INSIDE.

Luke 18:9-14 (NRSV) **9 He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: 10 “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ 13 But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ 14 I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”**

2. Holiness is EMPTINESS rather than CLEANLINESS.

Philippians 2:5-8 (NIV) **5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; 7 rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!**

3. Holiness is being LIKE CHRIST.

Matthew 5:43-48 (NIV) **43 “You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ 44 But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. 46 If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? 47 And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? 48 Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect. 48 Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.**

Romans 13:8-10 (NIV) **8 Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. 9 The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not covet,” and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” 10 Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.**

Life Groups

Scriptures that Relate:

Monday: Philippians 3:12-21

Wednesday: 1 Corinthians 13:1-3

Friday: 1 Peter 1:13-25

Tuesday: Luke 10:25-37

Thursday: Romans 6:15-23

Saturday: Matthew 5:17-20

Talk it Over:

1. What has the charge to be holy meant to you?
2. How have you seen holiness lead to justice, mercy and grace in your life?
3. How is the inside of your cup?
4. What are some good ways to empty your cup to allow inspiration and filling of the Holy Spirit?

Pastor Loyd's Prayer Requests

Monday: Pray for the Hurricane Harvey Relief team that are returning today from serving in Texas.

Tuesday: Pray for the families that have been devastated by the recent hurricanes and earthquakes.

Wednesday: Continue to pray for persons from CCON that will have surgeries this fall.

Thursday: Pray for people in our church that are having financial problems.

Friday: Pray for our pastor and each pastoral staff member.

Saturday: Remember to pray for our church services this weekend.