



Set Apart

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WARM UP QUESTION: What is a mark or symbol that is important to you?

READ: 1 Peter 2:21-25 & Hebrews 7:23-28

FOCUS: We can live set apart when we embrace the perfect life of Jesus and follow His example.

OBSERVE:

- We are made holy/set apart when we embrace the perfect life of Jesus and His work on the cross. Jesus bore our sins on the cross so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness (1 Peter 2:24). Jesus is our perfect high priest, holy, blameless, and set apart from sinners; He meets our need (Heb 7:26).
- We live holy/set apart by the power of the Holy Spirit. The same power that raised Jesus from the dead is alive in us to overcome the sin in our lives and glorify God in us as living sacrifices. We can rest in the power of the Holy Spirit and the work of Jesus on the cross to deliver us from the things that seem to keep us bound.
- Holiness is the outward result of the inward work of Christ Jesus through the Holy Spirit, drawing people to receive the Gospel and be united with the Father. Therefore, it is not just a *doing* thing; it is a *being* thing. Acknowledging this frees us from the bondage of self-reliance and helps us to be God-reliant.

REFLECT:

- What does it look like to trust in Jesus' work to make you holy instead of trying to earn it yourself?
- How does the idea of *being* holy, and not just *doing* holy things, impact your view of God's call to holiness?
- What prevents believers from living out the holiness God calls us to?

TAKING ACTION:

- Meditate on 1 Peter 2:9, Leviticus 11:44, and 1 Corinthians 1:30.
- Pray for revelation to understand the holiness given to us through Jesus. In your quiet time, ask the Holy Spirit to draw you closer to the Father.

PRAY: Heavenly Father, You are holy and set apart. You reign over all. There is no one like You. You are singular. One and Only. The Lord God Almighty. Thank You for Your Son, Jesus, who has died in our place to make us holy. Jesus, You are our perfect high priest. You fulfill all the ways we have failed. We receive You and trust in You for holiness. Fill us, Holy Spirit, with Your presence and the knowledge of Jesus Christ, to know God and have eternal life. In Jesus' Name, Amen.