#### **HONORING GOD**

### With Holy Living

Hebrews 12:14 Try to live in peace with everyone, and seek to live a clean and holy life, for those who are not holy will not see the Lord.

## We Live Holy When We Are Saved

Titus 3:4 But then God our Savior showed us his kindness and love.

- 5 He saved us, not because of the good things we did, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins and gave us a new life through the Holy Spirit.
- 6 He generously poured out the Spirit upon us because of what Jesus Christ our Savior did.
- 7 He declared us not guilty because of his great kindness. And now we know that we will inherit eternal life.

We Are Saved By

God Showing Us His Kindness And Love

Jesus Sacrificing His Life On The Cross

The Holy Spirit Sealing Our Life

- 2 Thessalonians 2:13 As for us, we always thank God for you, dear brothers and sisters loved by the Lord. We are thankful that God chose you to be among the first to experience salvation, a salvation that came through the Spirit who makes you holy and by your belief in the truth.
- 14 He called you to salvation when we told you the Good News; now you can share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 1 Corinthians 1:26 Remember, dear brothers and sisters, that few of you were wise in the world's eyes, or powerful, or wealthy when God called you.
- 27 Instead, God deliberately chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise. And he chose those who are powerless to shame those who are powerful.
- 28 God chose things despised by the world, things counted as nothing at all, and used them to bring to nothing what the world considers important,
- 29 so that no one can ever boast in the presence of God.
- 30 God alone made it possible for you to be in Christ Jesus. For our benefit God made Christ to be wisdom itself. He is the one who made us acceptable to God. He made us pure and holy, and he gave himself to purchase our freedom.
- 31 As the Scriptures say, "The person who wishes to boast should boast only of what the Lord has done."

### We Live Holy When We Live Separated Lives

- Ephesians 4:21 Since you have heard all about him and have learned the truth that is in Jesus.
- 22 throw off your old evil nature and your former way of life, which is rotten through and through, full of lust and deception.
- 23 Instead, there must be a spiritual renewal of your thoughts and attitudes.
- 24 You must display a new nature because you are a new person, created in God's likeness righteous, holy, and true.
- 25 So put away all falsehood and "tell your neighbor the truth" because we belong to each other.
- 26 And "don't sin by letting anger gain control over you." Don't let the sun go down while you are still angry,
- 27 for anger gives a mighty foothold to the Devil.
- 28 If you are a thief, stop stealing. Begin using your hands for honest work, and then give generously to others in need.
- 29 Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.
- 30 And do not bring sorrow to God's Holy Spirit by the way you live. Remember, he is the one who has identified you as his own, guaranteeing that you will be saved on the day of redemption.
- 31 Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of malicious behavior.
- 32 Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.

Separated From Our Old Passions

Separated From Our Old Perceptions

Separated From Our Old Purpose

Colossians 1:19 For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ, 20 and by him God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of his blood on the cross.

- 21 This includes you who were once so far away from God. You were his enemies, separated from him by your evil thoughts and actions,
- 22 yet now he has brought you back as his friends. He has done this through his death on the cross in his own human body. As a result, he has brought you into the very presence of God, and you are holy and blameless as you stand before him without a single fault.
- 23 But you must continue to believe this truth and stand in it firmly. Don't drift away from the assurance you received when you heard the Good News. The Good News has been preached all over the world, and I, Paul, have been appointed by God to proclaim it.

- Colossians 1:9 So we have continued praying for you ever since we first heard about you. We ask God to give you a complete understanding of what he wants to do in your lives, and we ask him to make you wise with spiritual wisdom.
- 10 Then the way you live will always honor and please the Lord, and you will continually do good, kind things for others. All the while, you will learn to know God better and better.
- 11 We also pray that you will be strengthened with his glorious power so that you will have all the patience and endurance you need. May you be filled with joy, 12 always thanking the Father, who has enabled you to share the inheritance that belongs to God's holy people, who live in the light.
- 1 Peter 1:13 So think clearly and exercise self-control. Look forward to the special blessings that will come to you at the return of Jesus Christ.
- 14 Obey God because you are his children. Don't slip back into your old ways of doing evil; you didn't know any better then.
- 15 But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you to be his children is holy.
- 16 For he himself has said, "You must be holy because I am holy."
- 17 And remember that the heavenly Father to whom you pray has no favorites when he judges. He will judge or reward you according to what you do. So you must live in reverent fear of him during your time as foreigners here on earth.

# We Live Holy When We Seek The Return Of The Lord

- 1 Peter 1:2 God the Father chose you long ago, and the Spirit has made you holy. As a result, you have obeyed Jesus Christ and are cleansed by his blood. May you have more and more of God's special favor and wonderful peace.
  3 All honor to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for it is by his
- boundless mercy that God has given us the privilege of being born again. Now we live with a wonderful expectation because Jesus Christ rose again from the dead.
- 4 For God has reserved a priceless inheritance for his children. It is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay.
- 5 And God, in his mighty power, will protect you until you receive this salvation, because you are trusting him. It will be revealed on the last day for all to see.
- 6 So be truly glad! There is wonderful joy ahead, even though it is necessary for you to endure many trials for a while.
- 2 Peter 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as unexpectedly as a thief. Then the heavens will pass away with a terrible noise, and everything in them will disappear in fire, and the earth and everything on it will be exposed to judgment.
- 11 Since everything around us is going to melt away, what holy, godly lives you should be living!
- 12 You should look forward to that day and hurry it along the day when God will set the heavens on fire and the elements will melt away in the flames.

- 13 But we are looking forward to the new heavens and new earth he has
- promised, a world where everyone is right with God.

  14 And so, dear friends, while you are waiting for these things to happen, make every effort to live a pure and blameless life. And be at peace with God.