

# WHY THE CHURCH IS SO HOLY

## *Selected Scriptures*

*As believers we should live in obedience to God because we are members of His holy family*

### LET'S GET STARTED

What comes to mind when you hear the word holy? We may have different—and sometimes distorted—ideas of what holiness is, but the Bible declares that holiness is simply the absence of all imperfection. That certainly doesn't describe any church we have ever been a part of, does it? Actually, it describes *every* true church! Let's find out how.

### LET'S HEAR THE WORD

In the New Testament we find three reasons why the church is holy:

- **The church is holy, because believers have been totally \_\_\_\_\_ and made right with God.**

Colossians 2:13— . . . God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins.

Hebrews 10:10— . . . we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

- **The church is holy because God has \_\_\_\_\_ it \_\_\_\_\_ for a special purpose.**

2 Corinthians 6:16-17—<sup>16</sup> What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people."<sup>17</sup> "Therefore come out from them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you." more as you see the Day approaching.

### Quotable

*You cannot study the Bible . . . without being struck by an obvious fact—the whole matter of personal holiness is highly important to God!*

—A. W. Tozer

*The church's holiness is not achieved but received. Holiness is not natural to the church: it is the gift of God.*

—Bill Leonard

### If you would like to know more

*The Pursuit of Holiness*, by Jerry Bridges, NavPress, 1978

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- **The church is holy because God has called believers to \_\_\_\_\_ holy \_\_\_\_\_.**

1 Peter 1:14-16—<sup>14</sup> As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. <sup>15</sup> But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; <sup>16</sup> for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.”

## LET'S LIVE IT

Here are some questions to ask yourself as you evaluate how you contribute to the holiness of the church:

- Have I submitted to Christ as my Lord and put faith in Him to save me?
- Am I fulfilling my calling to be a representative of Christ in the world?
- Am I committed to obey God in all I say and do?

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