

The Holy Spirit and Spirituality – Part 6

The Holy Spirit and living a holy life

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing an exciting series of studies on The Holy Spirit and Spirituality. Our topic today: The Holy Spirit and living a holy life.

Scripture Theme Song: The fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23)

- 1) The holiness of God
 - a) Isaiah 6:1-3
 - b) Revelation 4:8
 - c) Leviticus 19:1-2
 - d) Psalm 99:1-3, 9
 - e) The Lord is holy—perfectly good and free from all evil. What encouragement do you find in knowing that the Lord our God is holy?
 - f) How is God's holiness revealed?
 - g) Where do you see the holiness of God revealed in the life of Jesus?
- 2) Called to live a holy life
 - a) 1 Peter 1:13-16
 - b) Ephesians 1:3-4
 - c) Hebrews 12:14
 - d) Ephesians 5:25-27
 - e) Why is a holy life pleasing to the Lord?
- 3) How is holiness attained
 - a) Titus 3:3-7
 - b) 1 Corinthians 6:9-11
 - c) Philippians 1:3-6
 - d) If we are both justified and sanctified as a gift of God's grace, what role do we play in the lifelong process of sanctification?
- 4) Pursuing holiness
 - a) What are some inappropriate reasons for wanting to live a holy life?
 - b) Ephesians 4:17-24
 - c) Romans 13:11-14
 - d) 1 John 2:3-5 - God's law is holy and His commandments are holy and just and good (Romans 7:12). If salvation is "not of works lest anyone should boast" (Ephesians 2:9), why is it important to keep the commandments?
 - e) How do we avoid the trap of thinking that our progress in holiness recommends us to God or in some way earns us salvation? Hebrews 12:1-2
 - f) Luke 18:9-14 - why is a self-righteous attitude offensive to God?
 - g) How would you respond to a friend who says, "I've tried and tried to overcome a habitual sin in my life but it's impossible"?
 - h) Explain how we can be called "saints" (holy ones- Ephesians 1:1) and "a holy nation" (1 Peter 2:9) even though we are still growing in grace and have not yet attained God's ideal for our lives.
 - i) Why is the testimony of the apostle Paul to Christians in Philippi wise counsel for each one of us today? Philippians 3:12-14