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“Making All Things New:
A Journey Into A New World”

“A New Calling” –Core 5

“I Am the Lord who brought you up out of the land of Egypt to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.” *Leviticus 11:45 ESV*

A. The Holy Spirit begins His work...

“Jesus replied, ‘I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God.’” *John 3:3*

1. When you are born again, the Holy Spirit comes to live in your life.

“Peter replied, ‘Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God...for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.’” *Acts 2:38*

2. The Holy Spirit is a person and He comes to live in us as the third person of the Trinity.

“When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on His own but will tell you what He has heard. He will tell you about the future. He will bring Me glory by telling you whatever He receives from Me.” *John 16:13-14*

3. The work of holiness begins when He begins to live in us. We are set apart for God’s use.

“Because we have these promises, dear friends, let us cleanse ourselves from everything that can defile our body or spirit. And let us work toward complete holiness because we fear God.”

2 Corinthians 7:1

4. Holiness is the natural process of becoming more like Jesus.

“For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom...And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like Him as we are changed into His glorious image.”

2 Corinthians 3:17-18

5. The work of holiness continues to grow as we continue to make choices of surrender.

“But now you are free from the power of sin and have become slaves of God. Now you do those things that lead to holiness and result in eternal life.” *Romans 6:22*

6. The new life we choose, is the life God chose for us!

“For you have been born again, but not to a life that will quickly end. Your new life will last forever because it comes from the eternal, living word of God.” *1 Peter 1:23*

B. God chooses us to be holy...

“But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy. For the Scriptures say, ‘You must be holy because I am holy.’” *1 Peter 1:15-16*

1. God chooses us as His people to be holy.

“But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God’s very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for He called you out of the darkness into His wonderful light.” *1 Peter 2:9*

2. God chose us from the beginning of the world.

“Even before He made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in His eyes. God decided in advance to adopt us into His own family by bringing us to Himself through Jesus Christ. This is what He wanted to do, and it gave Him great pleasure.” *Ephesians 1:4-5*

3. God chose us to be His and to bear fruit.

“You didn’t choose Me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using My name.” *John 15:16*

4. God chose us to make us holy while believing.

“As for us, we can’t help but thank God for you, dear brothers and sisters loved by the Lord. We are always 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 through your belief in the truth.” *2 Thessalonians 2:13*

C. You are holy because...

1. God makes us holy.

“Now may the God of peace make you holy in every way, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again.” *1 Thessalonians 5:23*

2. God empowers us to live a holy life.

“By His divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life...And because of His glory and excellence, He has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share His divine nature and escape the world’s corruption caused by human desires.” *2 Peter 1:3-4*

3. God works in us as we work at choosing holiness.

“Work at living in peace with everyone, and work at living a holy life, for those who are not holy will not see the Lord.” *Hebrews 12:14*

4. Holiness is the destination of our journey.

“For God saved us and called us to live a holy life. He did this, not because we deserved it, but because that was His plan from before the beginning of time—to show us His grace through Christ Jesus.” *1 Timothy 1:9*

D. The image of God was marred by sin...

“When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam’s sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned...Yes, Adam’s one sin brings condemnation for everyone, but Christ’s one act of righteousness brings a right relationship with God and new life for everyone.” *Romans 5:12,18*

1. We were created in the image of God to be holy.

“...who have been made in the image of God.” *James 3:9*

“For God knew His people in advance, and He chose them to become like His Son...” *Romans 8:29*

2. God through Christ gives us a new opportunity to be holy.

“Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy.” *Ephesians 4:24*

3. It is God’s will for us to be holy.

“For God’s will was for us to be made holy by the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ, once for all time.

4. When we are wholly God’s, we are holy.

“And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all He has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind He will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship Him.” *Romans 12:1*

5. God will keep us holy!

“He will keep you strong to the end so that you will be free from all blame on the day when our Lord Jesus Christ returns.”

1 Corinthians 1:8

6. God will bring you through and keep you holy!

“Now all glory to God, who is able to keep you from falling away and will bring you with great joy into His glorious presence without a single fault.” *Jude 1:24*

7. It is no longer me, but Christ who lives in me.

“My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.” *Galatians 2:20*

“I have now concentrated all my prayers into one, and that one prayer is this, that I may die to self, and live wholly to Him.”

—Charles Spurgeon