

5 Most Consequential Questions:

Origin: Where did we come from?
 Identity: Who are we?
 Meaning: Why are we here?
 Morality: How should we live?
 Destiny: Where are we going?

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¹Now there were in the church at Antioch prophets and teachers, Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a member of the court of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. ²While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." ³Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off. —ACTS 13:1-3 ESV

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¹⁵But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. ¹⁶For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name."

—ACTS 9:15-16 ESV

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1. What is holiness?

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HOLINESS IS NOT...

1. An external thing.

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HOLINESS IS NOT...

2. An internal thing.

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HOLINESS IS NOT...

3. An ecclesiastical thing.

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⁸Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ¹¹for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher... —2 TIMOTHY 1:8-11 ESV

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HOLINESS IS...

4. A relational thing.

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II. Why does holiness matter?

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"Holy, holy, holy..." —ISAIAH 6:3

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III. Who is called to be holy?

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"...but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct..." 1 PETER 1:15 ESV

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¹⁶Don't you realize that whatever you choose to obey becomes your master? You can choose sin, which leads to death, or you can choose to obey God and receive his approval. ¹⁷Thank God! Once you were slaves of sin, but now you have obeyed with all your heart the new teaching God has given you.

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¹⁸Now you are free from sin, your old master, and you have become slaves to your new master, righteousness. ¹⁹I speak this way, using the illustration of slaves and masters, because it is easy to understand. Before, you let yourselves be slaves of impurity and lawlessness. Now you must choose to be slaves of righteousness so that you will become holy. —ROMANS 6:16-19 NLT

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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 NLT

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IV. How in the world can I be holy?

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HOW IN THE WORLD CAN I BE HOLY?

Receive God's Son | 1 CORINTHIANS 1:30

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HOW IN THE WORLD CAN I BE HOLY?

Recognize Your Responsibility | HEB. 12:14

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"In a culture where landscape is dotted with shrines to golden arches and an assortment of pizza temples, fasting seems out of step with the times."

—RICHARD FOSTER

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HOW IN THE WORLD CAN I BE HOLY?

Release Your Grip

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HOW IN THE WORLD CAN I BE HOLY?

Rely on God's Spirit

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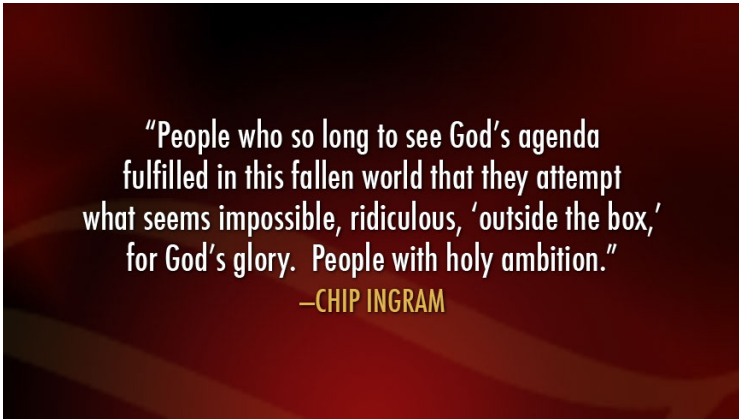
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Respond to God's Call

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"What God is seeking, what He is looking for, is not the brightest and best. God is looking for people who are willing to live on the edge. People who long to live with significance and impact. People who are willing to believe that what God has said is true and will step out in tiny incremental steps as God leads. People who will let God breathe into them dreams that can change the world."

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"People who so long to see God's agenda fulfilled in this fallen world that they attempt what seems impossible, ridiculous, 'outside the box,' for God's glory. People with holy ambition."
—CHIP INGRAM

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