

We are in the qualified series and last month we learned

- That we have been qualified by the blood of Jesus
- Everything accomplished by the blood is eternal and complete and cannot be reversed

2 Cor 3:5-6 AMPC

“Not that we are fit (qualified and sufficient in ability) of ourselves to form personal judgments or to claim or count anything as coming from us, but our power and ability and sufficiency are from God. [It is He] Who has qualified us [making us to be fit and worthy and sufficient] as ministers and dispensers of a new covenant [of salvation through Christ], not [ministers] of the letter (of legally written code) but of the Spirit; for the code [of the Law] kills, but the [Holy] Spirit makes alive. [Jer. 31:31.]”

- Sometimes we work so hard trying to be good enough to stay qualified when the truth is
- You can never be good enough to be qualified - you are qualified because Jesus is and you remain qualified because He cannot be disqualified

You are HOLY

Ephesians 1:4 AMPC

- This is one of the most important verses in the entire Bible that requires depth of study and meditation in order to walk in the revelation of it
- I'm going to read this and as I do I want you to see Jesus throughout this passage

“Even as [in His love] He chose us [actually picked us out for Himself as His own] in Christ before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy (consecrated and set apart for Him) and blameless in His sight, even above reproach, before Him in love.”

Ephesians 1:4 AMPC

- Even as in His love, He chose us: God so loved us that He sent Jesus
- This act of love began long before He laid the foundations of the world
- And in that love before this world - He chose you - as His own
- That in Him you shall be (I am) holy
- Holy: consecrated and set apart for Him AND blameless in His sight “REPEAT”
- You don’t have to be blameless in anyone else’s sight but His - you are holy!

You couldn’t perform your way into being holy - He made you holy

- That’s why when I hear some give an answer as to why they are saved they often start with because I
- I gave my life to Jesus, I accepted Him, I chose Him
- If your reason for being saved doesn’t start with “Because He” - your missing the full power of your salvation

The bible says:

- He chose us before we even had a clue - before the earth

- No one comes to Lord unless He draws them
- That we love Him because He first loved us

If your answer as to why you are saved doesn't start with
BECAUSE HE!

- Because He chose me
- Because He called me
- Because He loved me
- Because He died for me that I may be qualified to stand before Him
- I just yielded to Him - I received Him - I answered His call

“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”

Ephesians 2:8-10 NKJV

<https://bible.com/bible/114/eph.2.8-10.NKJV>

- The grace and faith that made you saved is not even yours
- It's a gift of God
- Prepared - beforehand: before He laid the foundations of the Earth

“who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began,”

II Timothy 1:9 NKJV

<https://bible.com/bible/114/2ti.1.9.NKJV>

- we are called into this holy calling: Before time began

The answer is because of Him - if my salvation was dependent on me - I certainly couldn't qualify myself - He made me holy

- set apart from the common or profane for God's exclusive purpose and blameless in His sight

“because it is written, “Be holy, for I am holy.””

I Peter 1:16 NKJV

<https://bible.com/bible/114/1pe.1.16.NKJV>

- This was spoken to the believers
- Just as the Lord spoke things into existence
- In the same way He said “light be and light was” He said “be ye holy and you became holy!
- Be ye holy is not about be ye behaving better, doing more works or being perfect.
- Its about your new position: It's about you remaining in Christ - by the finished work of His blood!

Does our new position of being holy produce fruit worthy of our salvation? YES!

“but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct,”

I Peter 1:15 NKJV

<https://bible.com/bible/114/1pe.1.15.NKJV>

- This is not saying to be holy in your conduct so that you can become holy
- Because you have been made holy - act like it - be holy
- Let your fruit be an example of your consecration and blamelessness

“But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;”

I Peter 2:9 NKJV

<https://bible.com/bible/114/1pe.2.9.NKJV>

- Called you into holiness - chosen and set apart

“Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.”

I Corinthians 3:16-17 NKJV

<https://bible.com/bible/114/1co.3.16-17.NKJV>

- You are His holy temple
- Not you are becoming
- Is Christ in you? Is the Holy Spirit in you?
- God cannot live in an unholy temple with

Questions

1. What does it mean to “be holy”?
2. How does Satan and others try to make us believe we are not holy?

3. Pray over each other that by faith you stand on the truth and walk in the authority of a chosen, royal, special and holy people.

