

## Seeking Revival through Holiness and Obedience

“...you who seek God, let your hearts revive.”

Psalms 69:32b

**Question:** What does it mean to be holy?

*“For I am the Lord your God. Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am holy.”*

Leviticus 11:44; 20:7; 20:26

**Main Point:** Holiness and obedience \_\_\_\_\_ our verbal commitment to Jesus Christ.

**Point One:** God’s plan is for us to \_\_\_\_\_ in His holiness- even now.

Holiness- to be set apart for the Lord; God’s innermost nature; sanctification; the conduct and moral goal of a Spirit-filled disciple; the moral result of Christ’s atoning work.

“Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.”

Hebrews 12:14

The goal of Jesus was to present His bride pure, spotless, sanctified and clean before God (Ephesians 5:22-27). If this was the purpose of Jesus for His bride, the church, should it not also be the life-long focus and motivation of every child of God?

**Point Two:** Obedience \_\_\_\_\_ our love for Jesus Christ.

*“If you love me, you will obey what I command.”*

John 14:15 (NIV)

Obedience- our glad-hearted, positive and active response to God’s love and grace for us. A keeping watch, guarding over Christ’s commands.

Obedience is...

- Listening and action (Luke 11:28)
- The only reliable means of measuring our lives for God (James 1:22-25)
- Shows our love to God and unlocks His love for us (John 14:21, 23-24)

“I was not born to be free. I was born to adore and to obey.”

-C.S. Lewis

### Wrap Up:

Responsive love for Christ cannot be limited to emotion and verbal proclamation. It must be expressed in holy living and obedience to His commands.

Therefore...

True holiness and obedience are a matter of \_\_\_\_\_.

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