

## Holiness Pt 2 Jesus, the Spirit & the scriptures are ALL holy

This is our second teaching on the topic of holiness. In our previous study we covered three points:- (i) God is glorious in holiness, (ii) Israel was holiness unto the LORD, and the firstfruits of His increase, and (iii) That which Israel used in, and resulted from their sacrifices, was made most holy.

In this study we will cover an additional three points: (i) Jesus- the Son of God was known by the unclean spirit as “the Holy One of God”, (ii) The Spirit of God is given to believers and is also known as the Holy Spirit, and (iii) The law of God is holy.

The Scriptures upon which this teaching is founded.

### 1. Jesus- the Son of God was known by the unclean spirit as “the Holy One of God”

[17] And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men.

[23] And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out,

[24] Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God (Mk.1:17,23-24).

Yet the nation of Israel knew not that Jesus was the Holy One, and the Just, but delivered Him up to Pilate

[6] Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

[11] And as the lame man which was healed held Peter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the porch that is called Solomon's, greatly wondering.

[12] And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk?

[13] The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go.

[14] But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you; (Acts 3: 6, 11-14)

The prophets foretold the coming of the Just One

[52] Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost...

[52] Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they have slain them which shewed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers: (Acts 7:51-52)

He that was called Just and Holy, Jesus the Son of God, was tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

[14] Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.

[15] For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

[16] Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. Heb.4: 14-16. See also 1 Jn.2: 1.

### 2. The Spirit of God is given to believers and is also known as the Holy Spirit

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? (1 Cor.3:16) CF:

Lk.11: 13- “If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?”

Guides us into truth (not error)

“Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will **guide you into all truth**: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come” (Jn.16: 13).

Comforts us and is known as the Spirit of truth

“But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me” (Jn.15: 26).

He teaches us, so can only teach “truth”

“Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual” (1 Cor.2:13).

Reproves the world of sin

[7] Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

[8] And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment (Jn.16:7-8)

Last weeks teaching we noted: God's Son Jesus was declared to the SOG according to the spirit of holiness

[3] Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;

[4] And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead: (Rom.1: 3-4).

The Gentiles are sanctified by the Holy Ghost

That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost. (Rom.15: 16).

### 3. The law of God is holy

"Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good" (Rom 7:12). See also 2 Pet.2:21

The scriptures are holy- 2 Tim 3:15)- "And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus". See also Rom 1: 2.

The law & the prophets were known as the holy scriptures- 2 Tim.3:15-"And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ.."

The scriptures are known as "the scripture of truth"- Daniel 10:21- But I will shew thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth: and there is none that holdeth with me in these things, but Michael your prince.

There is a link between truth, righteousness and holiness

[24] And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

[25] Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another. (Eph.4: 24-25).

An illustration to help apply the teaching to our life today.

Buddhism- no Son (holy One of God), no Spirit of God (holy Spirit), no scripture of truth (holy scriptures)

Muslims- no Son, no Spirit of God, no scripture of truth.

Sikh- no Son, no Spirit of God, no scripture of truth.

Hindu- no Son, no Spirit of God, no scripture of truth.

Questions to think about.

i) What do all man-made religions have in common?

ii) What are the implications of using a copy of the scriptures that are leavened with error?

Our answers from the scriptures.

i) Each man-made religion has several things in common:

\* No means for the believers to be sanctified by the word (no holy scripture)

\* No means for the believers to be washed clean from sin, as they have no Spirit and no Saviour.

Therefore, they have No means for their believers to be free from sin, nor to live unto holiness. The scriptures say- "For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness" (Rom.6:20).

ii) If the scriptures are leavened with error, they are not holy scripture!

The body of Christ would be in confusion about what is truth, what God said and therefore unable to live in righteousness and true holiness. With a perfect, holy sinless Saviour, the Holy Spirit who dwells in us, and a copy of the Holy scriptures we are equipped to live in holiness.

Therefore, my dogged belief in the AB1611 bible is on the basis that it fulfils the credentials of "holy scripture" - it IS pure & perfect, hence it has NO error. Whereas a corrupt copy with error is not a plumbline for holiness: because it is NOT holy but corrupt. As all the instruments in the OT were holy so was the Lord Jesus a perfect sinless Lamb, and the scriptures that speak of Him are holy. Now we can turn to *that* Book and obey what it says about how we are to live in holiness- and so please our heavenly Father, who is holy.