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## *Perfect Holiness*

By Becky Combee

This year, God has been dealing with me about holiness and the Lordship of Jesus Christ. I have learned that when Jesus is Lord, we will live before Him in holiness. Holiness is complete surrender to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

Because we love God, we dedicate ourselves to the commands and principles of His Word. We surrender to His Lordship, completely devoted to, "Thus saith the Lord." We listen intently to the voice of the Spirit as He schools us in God's great plan. He is Lord, and His Lordship dominates our heart and our mind. It corrals our flesh, urging subjection to God's Word and His will.

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The prophet Isaiah had a vision of the Lord sitting upon His throne, and he heard the seraphim crying, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts." At the sound of their voice, the posts of heaven's doors vibrated. In this atmosphere, Isaiah was overwhelmed by his sin. The purity of heaven and the holiness of our great and mighty God brought Him to his knees. But God, who saw the humble and repentant heart of Isaiah, cleansed him from sin. It is the cleansing power of heaven – the blood of the Lord Jesus' sacrifice – that remits our sin.

When we realize how far short we've come

## *Peace and Holiness*

By Suzanne D. Williams

*Follow **peace** with all men, and **holiness**,  
without which no man shall see the Lord:  
(Heb 12:14)*

Perhaps I am just growing older, or perhaps I've dipped my toe into a tiny puddle of wisdom, but more and more, I turn away from things that don't please God. Not simply certain television programs, but also circumstances and people that have sent me in a negative direction.

I find myself walking well out of my way to pursue integrity and holiness.

I've learned that often comes down to the simple tasks. Putting things back where they belong at the grocery store is one example. Ask anyone in my family, and I'm the person walking a box of cereal back to aisle 7.

"Now, how does that show holiness?" you ask.

Well, someone at the store went through the trouble to set that item where it belonged. You moved it, thinking you would buy it. By setting it down wherever you are at, you leave them to pick up after you and do the task twice. Holiness, or excellence, asks you to do it yourself.

I always tell myself I need the exercise. I sit all the time, writing, and am amazed how much time has passed, so I take every opportunity to do what I am able. And here's the important part—without complaint.

That is another example of holiness. I'm still

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and confess our sin, the Lord in all His magnificence forgives and forgets. The Word of our Lord says, "I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."<sup>1</sup> Now as a "child forgiven," we commit anew to live and walk in the principles of God's Word. There is no Lordship without this new walk.

We dedicate ourselves to put the past behind us - its actions, its words, its harsh rejection of God's commands. With Isaiah, we say, "Here am I; send me." God can call us to serve Him when He is our Lord. When our standards are dictated by His principles and our heart is fully united to Him, we are ready to serve Him.

Will we miss it sometimes? Of course! But, with every sin, we fall on our face in repentance, and the loving hand of God cleanses us. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."<sup>2</sup> Forgiven, we rise in His power, celebrating His direction, loving Him with all our heart and soul.

Our intention is always to avoid sin. We hear

the cry of the Spirit of the Lord, "My little children, these things write I unto you that ye sin not."<sup>3</sup> This is our heart's desire. We do not want to live in sin, promoting ourselves and our lustful desires. We do not want to love the world and the things of the world more than we love our great God. We do not want to live on the edge of commitment.

We have been saved, delivered, healed, and protected. We have been embraced by the eternal love of God. The sacrifice of the Son of God has rescued us. Should we not run from sin? Shouldn't Jesus be Lord of all?

Lordship makes a difference! It perfects holiness and draws us into the realm of God's glory. It enables us to run and not be weary, to walk and not faint.<sup>4</sup> When Jesus is Lord, the fullness of God's peace guards our mind and our heart.<sup>5</sup> His abiding presence orders our footsteps so that we can successfully represent Him.

Surrender today! Make Him Lord of all! If He is not Lord of all, He is not Lord at all! Don't let that happen. Today, boldly declare, "Jesus is my Lord."

<sup>1</sup>Jer 31:34 <sup>2</sup>1Jn 1:9 <sup>3</sup>1Jn 2:1 <sup>4</sup>Is 40:31 <sup>5</sup>Php 4:7



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working on not shouting at cars while driving. But at home, I've learned to prefer my daughter and my spouse over myself. Sure, sometimes, I want the last bite, but then again, if they eat it, then I won't have to and, especially if it's dessert, I don't really need more sugar. Plus, they're happy, and now, I don't have to throw the item out.

Holiness and peace go hand-in-hand, in that manner. Holiness always prefers the other person. It gives. It forgives. It exercises self-control. I like The Passion Translation of version of Hebrews 12:14. "In every relationship be swift to choose peace over competition, and run swiftly toward holiness." The J.B. Phillips translation says, "Let it be your ambition to live at peace with all men and to achieve holiness."

**Choose peace over competition. Make peace and holiness your ambition.** That makes it a 24-7 rule. We must do it all the time, in everything.

Contrary to what you might think, **being a peaceful, holy person is a position of strength.** It takes a lot sometimes to not give into what you *want* to do. I have found, though, the more I practice at it, the more successful I am. The less I seek to get my way, the more God gives me the desire of my heart anyway. Oh, maybe not right at that moment, but later on, someone does something kind for me that I did not expect.

I'm happier at home as well. There are less opportunities for strife, simply because I don't see them anymore. What I see is another opportunity to walk after Christ, to bear holy fruit, and show eternal life to those in my sphere of influence. That is far more valuable.

*But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit **unto holiness**, and the end everlasting life. (Rm 6:22)*