

God's holiness is the absence of impurity and the presence of perfect righteousness.

Isaiah 6:1-5 gives us a picture of God's holiness:

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ²Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. ³And they were calling to one another:

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."

⁴At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

⁵"Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty."

⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for."

⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?"

And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

⁹He said, "Go and tell this people:

"Be ever hearing, but never understanding;

be ever seeing, but never perceiving.’
10Make the heart of this people calloused;
make their ears dull
and close their eyes.
Otherwise they might see with their eyes,
hear with their ears,
understand with their hearts,
and turn and be healed.”
11Then I said, “For how long, Lord?”
And he answered:
“Until the cities lie ruined
and without inhabitant,
until the houses are left deserted
and the fields ruined and ravaged,
12until the Lord has sent everyone far away
and the land is utterly forsaken.

—Isaiah 6:1-12

God is holy like the sun is hot.

The Holy Spirit is working to make you holy like God is holy.

4But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, 5he
saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of
his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by
the Holy Spirit,

—Titus 3:4-5

You were declared holy at the moment of your salvation.

The presence of God in you makes you holy.

The Holy Spirit is working to make us holy in how we think, feel, and act.

As a child of God, nothing can separate you from God's love.

14As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. 15But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; 16for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

—1 Peter 1:14-16

The Holy Spirit works to make us holy by:

1. Convicting us of sin
2. Providing power to kill sin
3. Giving us a desire for righteousness
4. Providing power to live righteously

The Holy Spirit convicts us by making us aware and remorseful when we sin.

The Holy Spirit convicts us of sin in a way that leads us toward God.

16So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want.

—Galatians 5:16-17

The conviction of the Holy Spirit produces in us an internal conflict when we sin.

We respond to the conviction of the Holy Spirit through confession to God and to other believers.

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

—1 John 1:8-9

Like physical pain keeps us from further physical harm, conviction keeps us from living in sin.

We confess to a mature, trusted believer to grow in holiness.

Revival is personal holiness gone viral.

Big Idea:

The Holy Spirit is making us holy by convicting us of sin. We respond through confession.