Maple Springs Baptist Church

Series: Chosen to Be Set Apart: Real Life Holiness
Week 2: Called to Be Holy in a Real World
HOLINESS IS A LIFESTYLE SHAPED BY GOD'S CHARACTER.
1 Peter 1:13–25

1. Prepare Your Mind for Holiness **(1 Peter 1:13)**

Holiness is intentional.
ROMANS 12:2 & 2 CORINTHIANS 10:5.
Holiness begins in the mind before it shows in behavior.

2. Be Holy Because God Is. **(1 Peter 1:14–16)**

Holiness involves a decisive break from the old life.
Ignorance of God once led us to pursue self-centered desires, but those desires no longer define us.
Holiness is imitation—becoming like the Father.
Holiness is fundamentally relational. God doesn't just give rules; He calls His children to resemble Him.
Holiness is a lifestyle, not an occasional act—"be holy in all you do". Holiness extends beyond worship services or spiritual activities into every facet of life.
God's holiness is both the model & the motivation.
Holiness is God's character on display through God's people.

3. Live in Reverent Awe **(1 Peter 1:17–21)**

God is Father & Judge—intimacy & accountability.
A holy life recognizes that our actions matter because we live continually before the Father's sight.
You were redeemed with precious blood, not cheap grace.
Holiness begins when we grasp the value God placed on us & the sacrifice Christ made for us.
Holiness is gratitude expressed in obedience.
Holiness flows from a life centered on the gospel.
Holiness is sustained when we continually remember that our lives are anchored in God's saving plan rather than our own efforts.
Holy living is the grateful response of redeemed people who never forget the price of their salvation.

4. Love Deeply From the Heart **(1 Peter 1:22–25)**

Holiness is not merely separation from sin but devotion to others.
Holiness is relational, not just moral.
Holiness is more than avoiding wrong behavior; it is actively pursuing Christlike love.
Holiness reflects God's heart by seeking the good of others.
Love is the fruit of a purified heart.
God's Word is the seed that produces holy living.

Holy love reflects the character of God.
Holiness is not cold separation from the world; it is warm participation in God's loving purposes.
Holiness isn’t separation from people — but from the old you.

Application

1. Identify one old pattern God is calling you to leave behind.
2. Practice holiness in relationships — forgive, serve, love deeply.
3. Meditate on God’s holiness to shape your desires.
4. Anchor your life in Scripture — holiness grows from the Word.