

## One Word – Holiness

By Roger Comstock

Scripture readings: Ex. 19; Lev. 11:44-45; 19:1-18; Ps. 99; Isa. 6:1-7; John 14:15-26; 16:7-15; 1 Cor. 6:9-20; Col. 3:5-15; 1 Pet. 1:13-2:12; Rev. 4

“because it is written, **"Be holy, for I am holy."**  
1 Peter 1:16 (NKJV)

Our *One Word* study for this week is the word ‘holiness’. The above passage presents a seemingly impossible command. The “it is written” portion of the verse above comes from the book of Leviticus. Leviticus was God’s instruction manual to the priesthood mainly to direct them in the offering of sacrifices. The practice of which would lead to holiness. Some form of the word is found 77 times just in the book of Leviticus. Peter would further define our Christian walk as being a holy and royal priesthood (1 Pet 2:5, 9).

The words in the Hebrew and the Greek from which our word is translated means to be set apart, but not just set apart, but set apart for a spiritual purpose. You’ll remember that God had designated in the Law of Moses that the tribe of Levi was to be set apart for the purpose of leading the Jews in their spiritual walk with God. He, God, not only commanded that they be holy but He also told them how to accomplish that holiness. Keep in mind that although set apart for that purpose, the Levites were still a part of the daily activities of the community.

We, likewise, are called to holiness. Peter’s words cited above might seem to us to be impossible, "Be holy, for I am holy." Before we give up on being holy, we must remember that God has never expected the impossible of any human, He only expects true obedience of faith.

As a young boy I remember there being a monastery out in the country, not far from where we lived. Frequently, when I mention to someone that I do mission work in Guyana, the first thing people usually think of is the Jim Jones disaster. Neither of these scenarios represent the holiness God requires of His people. Though filled with curiosity about such places, I would learn later in life that the Lord has instructed His disciples that we must be in the world but not of the world. The Lord has never demanded the monastic life of us, in fact, just the opposite. Think about where Jesus went to teach. We, as intended reflections of the Christ, may be the only thing about Jesus that some ever have the opportunity to see, thus our purpose.

Oh, we are to be set apart from the world in how we live as we’re walking in the light of Jesus. But we are set apart for the purpose of showing Jesus to a world lost in blindness. Accomplished only by holy living.

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## Remember In Prayer . . .

Please continue to pray for **Nell Rich, June Comstock** (Roger's mom), **Jim Chandler, Marilyn Chandler, Enoch Aydelott** (Merrill and Beckys's grandson) **Jan Lamb** (Rod Rutherford's sister), **John and Montie Downs**. Others who have expressed a interest in our prayers are Ron Gilbert, Jack Parton, Elisa Luna, Joshua Stokes, Barbara Lemay, Michael Miller, Joyce Kaiser, Ann and Guy Noe.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS . . .

**Saturday, June 9th**

**Congregational fellowship meeting will be at the Comstock/Barber family cabin in Pittman Center. More details to come as we get closer to the date.**

**Cell Phones . . .** Please silence your cell phones.

**Pantry Items . . .** Meal In A Can and Dish Washing Liquid

## MORNING SERVICE

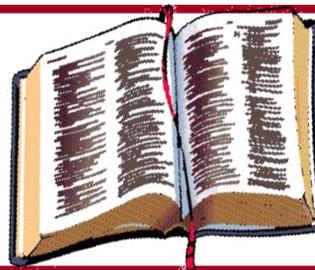
**10:30 AM**

**David Barton** will make the announcements. Leading singing will be **David Nixon**. Opening prayer will be led by **Woody Luna**. **Randy Vernon** will preside at the Lord's table today. Serving the congregation will be **Jim Chandler, Richard Sortore** and **David Barton**. Closing prayer by **Grayson Rhodes**.

## EVENING SERVICE

**6:00 PM**

**David Barton** will make the announcements. Leading singing will be **David Nixon**. Opening prayer will be led by **Grayson Rhodes**. **Randy Vernon** will preside at the Lord's table tonight. **Richard Sortore** will lead the closing prayer.



## TODAY'S SERMONS . . .

**Sunday Morning:**

***Restoration - Where To Begin***

**Sunday Evening:**

***One Word—Holiness***

## April Men's Business Meeting . . .

The April men's business meeting will be this afternoon at 3:00. All of the men of the congregation are encouraged to attend.

## April Monthly Prayer Service . . .

The monthly congregational prayer service will be this afternoon at the church building at 4:30 PM. All are invited.

## April Birthdays and Anniversaries . . .

The April Birthday and Anniversary celebration will be this afternoon at 5:00. **Nell Rich and Becky Austin** will be celebrating birthdays. **Richard and Judy Sortore, David and Rita Barton, and David and Monieka Nixon** will be celebrating April wedding anniversaries. Please come and join the fellowship and the celebration.

## April Ladies Bible Class . . .

The Ladies Bible class for April will be **Tuesday, April 17th** at 10:00 here at the church building. The lesson is number 8 titled "Choosing The Good Part." Bring a friend.

**Records . . .** Last Lord's Day 27 attended Bible classes, 42 for morning worship and 28 for evening worship. The contribution was \$1,048. The attendance for midweek Bible Study was 26.

**7 CONSTRUCTION VIDEOS ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE.**

## GATLINBURG MEN'S RETREAT . . .

The first annual Gatlinburg Men's Retreat will be **Saturday, April 28th** at the Comstock/Barber family cabin in Pittman Center. This year's theme is **Male Spiritual Leadership in the Community, in the Home and In the Church**. Speakers are Bill Bryant, Arthur Pigman and Jody Apple. The retreat begins at 9:30 AM. See the brochure for more information.