



TIME TO BE HOLY⁴⁵⁸

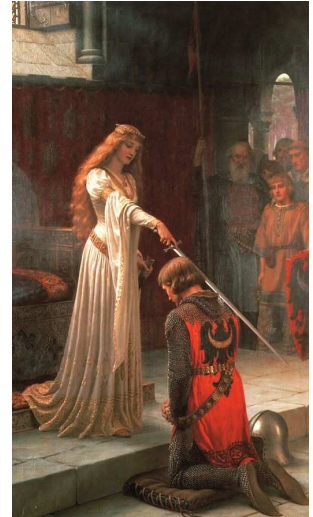
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We believe:

I. It is the **privilege** of **all believers** –
EVERYONE!

What comes to mind with the word 'privilege?'

- Honour
- Select Few
- Chosen
- Greater Access and Advantages



In other words, this idea is not to be taken lightly, or ignored.

'PRIVILEGE' ← **TENSION!** → 'ALL'

- Does 'privilege' contradict the word 'all?'
 - Everyone
 - No differences
- What modifies the 'all?'
 - '... Believers'
- So, what we are talking about is only available to 'believers'
 - Believers ... in what?
- If the 'privilege' is only available to believers, who *cannot* have access to this privilege?
 - Answer: Non-believers
- You have to be a 'Believer' first. This privilege 'follows,' or is 'second.'

YOU ARE NOW INVITED TO BECOME A BELIEVER!

"All Believers"

- Not just the specialists
- Not just the Gifted and Godly
- Not just the beautiful people
- Not just the full-timers
- Not just the rich and clever
- Not just white
- Not just the old

But, You! And Me!

- At school
- At work
- At home
- At the Corps



Scripture Verse – "Just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy." (1 Peter 1:15-16)

II.

To be wholly

sanctified – *HOLY!*

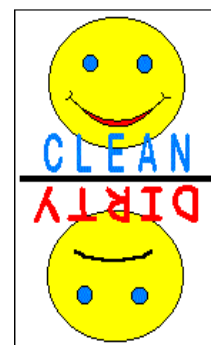
▪ 'SANCTUS' = HOLY

▪ 'SANCTIFY' = MADE HOLY

THE BIG IDEAS:

1. *CLEANLINESS (Purity)*

- Opposite of 'unclean'
 - Stained
 - Dirty
 - Polluted



- Remember – “In Thought, Word and Deed?”
 - What’s inside eventually comes out
 - What we say has power
 - What we do is the evidence

Scripture Verse – “Who may ascend the hill of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place? Those who have clean hands and a pure heart.” (Psalm 24)

2. *SEPARATION*

- From what?

- Sin
- The wrong crowd
- Places where we can compromise



- How can this become a negative thing?

- We become isolated
- We lose connection with people
- We begin to develop a superiority complex
- We start only thinking of ourselves and those like us

SEPARATE FROM SIN WHILE STILL IN THE WORLD! IT CAN BE DONE!

Scripture Verse – “I will have nothing to do with evil.” (Psalm 101:4)

Scripture Verse – “My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it.” (John 17:15 – 16)

3. *POWER*

- A Holy Spirit Idea
 - It’s ‘*dynamite!*’ - powerful
 - It’s ‘*pneumatic*’ - The Holy Spirit
- This can also be misunderstood and abused
 - We start pushing people about
 - We begin to think we are invincible
 - We gradually relegate God



Scripture Verse – “You will receive *power* when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses ...” (Acts 1:8)

III. That their **whole** spirit and soul and body –



EVERY PART!

- People are complex and mysterious – full of intriguing and inter-connected dynamics.
- Unlike a computer or machine, we cannot be compartmentalized!
- Some people reduce this too simply:
 - Flesh is bad!
 - Spirit is good!

- The Salvation Army is renown for serving the ‘whole’ person
 - Soup, Soap and Salvation
 - ‘Holistic Ministry’
- We’re used to it now, but once it was a radical idea – Christians serving meals to hungry people and housing them.
- In other words there is a real ‘holiness’ to your body as well as your spirit and your ‘soul.’
- What does this **stop** us from thinking?
 - Holiness is only a ‘spiritual’ thing
 - What we do mid-week is unspiritual and unimportant
- What does this mean we can **start** thinking?
 - All of me – mind, body and spirit – is given over to God
 - Everything I do can *sync* with God



- Worship

- God present in the ordinary moments and tasks
- We see every person made in God's image
- God ipresent in quite surprising places and in quite surprising people and in quite surprising ways
- Work and ministry become fused into one
- Mission to the outcast

- Work

- Play



Scripture Verse – 'Love the Lord your God with all your *heart* and with all your *soul* and with all your *mind* and with all your *strength*.' [...] 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these." (Mark 12:30-31)

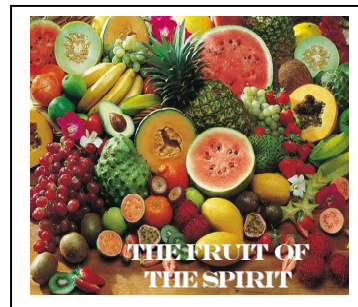
Scripture Verse – 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.' (Matt. 5:8)

IV. May be **preserved blameless** unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ – **EVERYDAY!**

PERSONAL INVENTORY – Fruit of the Spirit

Scripture Verse - 'The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.' (Galatians 5:22 – 23)

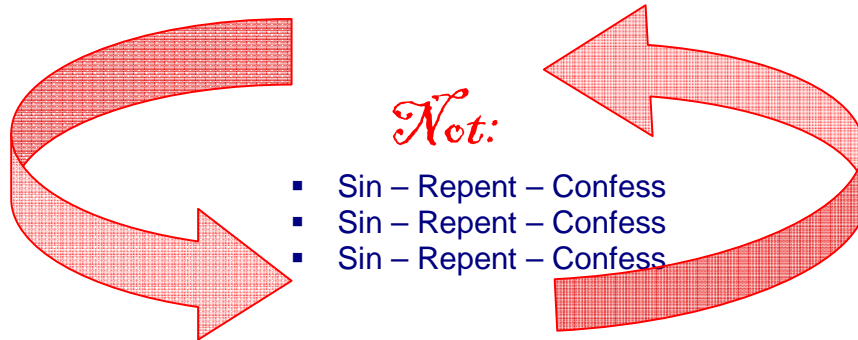
- **Love** – do I love people?
- **Joy** – am I joyful regardless of circumstances?
- **Peace** - do people see my inward peace?
- **Patience** – am I patient with people?
- **Kindness** - am I Kind toward everyone I meet?
- **Goodness** - do I want the best for others?
- **Faithfulness** - have I kept my commitments to Christ?
- **Gentleness** - is my strength under control?
- **Self-control** – do I keep my appetites under control?



- The 'Fruit Test' is non-negotiable!
- We can't just delete the 2 or 3 we struggle with
- It's all 9!

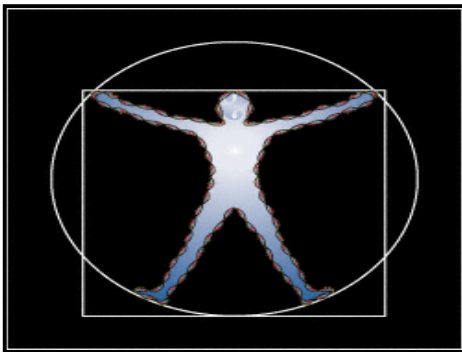
Here's where it gets really wild! We believe that a believer can be holy

- right now
- here on earth
- every day
- all the time
- *before* they go to heaven!



Not:

- Try here and do as well as we can
- Accept compromise as part of the deal
- We can only be perfect in heaven



Scripture Verse – ‘May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.’ (1 Thessalonians 5:23)

Here's what The Holy Spirit helps us avoid:

- Up/Down journey of faith
- Hot/Cold towards the Lord
- On/Off commitment

Here's what Holiness is not:

- A List of Rules – No movies, make up, tattoos or dancing!
- A Dress Code – Long skirts. Shirt and tie please!
- Safe Forever – No Get Into Heaven Free card
- Exemption from life's challenges
- A joyless experience – Nice people in a really grumpy mood



Instead we can be:

- Integrated – It all syncs
- Focused – The single eye
- Resolved – My mind is made up!
- Holy – Everyone! Every Part! Every Day!

Scripture Verse – “Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!” (Luke 11:11 – 13)

Scripture Verse – ‘He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.’ (Matt. 3:11)