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1. Be encouraged _____!

1.1. The _____ has already been given

Rom 5:6-9 For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— 8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

1.2. God's _____

Rom 8:29 For those whom he foreknew he also *predestined* to be *conformed to the image of his Son*, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

Eph 1:4 even as he *chose* us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be *holy* and *blameless* before him.

Eph 2:10 For we are *his* workmanship, *created in Christ Jesus for good works*, which God prepared *beforehand*, that we should walk in them.

Phil 1:6 And I am sure of this, that *he who began a good work* in you will bring it to *completion* at the day of Jesus Christ.

Phil 2:12-13 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, 13 for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Acts 11:8 When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, “Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life.”

2 Tim 2:24-25 “ And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone... correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth”

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Look Nehemiah 4:14 and 19-20. What's 'strange' about these verses being in the same chapter?

1.3. You're a _____

Exod 19:5-6 Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; 6 and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.”

1 Pet 2:9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Rom 1:7 To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints

Eph 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, to the saints who are in Ephesus, and are faithful in Christ Jesus:

1 Cor 1:2 To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ

2 Cor 1:1 To the church of God that is at Corinth, with all the saints who are in the whole of Achaia

What's the common motivation to holiness in all the scriptural commands below?

Eph 5:3 But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints.

Eph 5:8 for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light

1Cor 6:15, 19-20 Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never!.....19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, 20 for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

Rom 6:2, 6, 11 By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?.....We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.....So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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Col 3:12 Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience,

They're all commands to _____

Which one of these encouragements strikes you the most?

How do you think they impact our own work to become holy?

2. At the heart of holy living is the heart to _____

A. Loving what God _____ **and hating what God** _____

1 Sam 15 22-23 And Samuel said, "Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of divination, and presumption is as iniquity and idolatry."

Prov 11:20 Those of crooked heart are an abomination to the Lord, but those of blameless ways are his delight.

Mal 2:17 You have wearied the Lord with your words. But you say, "How have we wearied him?" By saying, "Everyone who does evil is good in the sight of the Lord, and he delights in them."

Psa 147:11 but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.

Hebrews 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

B. Christ, the one who _____ **his Father**

Luke 3:22 "and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

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Matt 12:18-20 “Behold, my servant whom I have chosen, my beloved with whom my soul is well pleased, I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles. He will not quarrel or cry aloud, nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets; a bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not quench, until he brings justice to victory”

John 8:29 And he who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him.”

Heb 1:8-9 But of the Son he says, “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.”

C. Living in Christ drives us to _____ God

1 Corinthians 7:32-34 I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to *please the Lord*. But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to *please his wife*, and his interests are divided. And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to *please her husband*.

2 Corinthians 5:9 So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to *please* him.

Ephesians 5:10try to discern what is *pleasing* to the Lord.

Philippians 2:13for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good *pleasure*.

1 Thessalonians 4:1 Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to *please* God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more.

2 Timothy 2:4 No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to *please* the one who enlisted him.

D. _____ the Lord is a happy thing

Matt 5:6 “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.”

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E. Our problems with this idea....?

<u>What Can Change</u>	<u>What Cannot Change</u>
our fellowship	our sonship
our experience of God's blessing	God's desire for our welfare
our assurance of God's love	God's actual affection for us
God's delight in our actions	God's love for us
God's discipline	our destiny
our sense of guilt	our security

1. In Christ, God is still concerned with _____.

2. In Christ, you're not _____ so it's not true that all your best actions are just _____.

3. In Christ, you can _____.

1 Tim 6:18 They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share

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Gal 6:10 So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Eph 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

4. In Christ, you and other believers can _____

5. in Christ, you will experience _____

1 Cor 3:14-15 If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. 15 If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.

2 Cor 9:6 The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

2 Cor 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

cf. Heb 12

6. In Christ, the _____ still have an important role in motivating you towards holiness.

1 Pet 1:17 "Since you call on a Father who judges each man's work impartially, live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear."

Eph 5:5-6 "For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience."