

Holiness Without Which.....

Hebrews 12:14 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

The writer here makes a strong statement, that without holiness no man shall see the Lord. We surely want to see the Lord! With that in mind, what will it take for me to be in holiness? Many will of their own ideas try to define what holiness is. To many it appears to be keeping certain church traditions and dogmas, while others just simply believe that because they have “accepted Jesus” that is what makes them holy.

If much studying is done on the subject of holiness, one would have to come to the conclusion that holiness is the absolute absence of sin, all sin. Sin is contrary to the very nature of God. When Adam and Eve sinned in the garden, they had to leave. Their choice to disobey God separated them from the communion and fellowship with him. To be able to fellowship with such a holy God we must be holy ourselves. **“Be ye holy for I am holy”** the word of God emphatically affirms. To be holy means that God has done something supernatural in our hearts, for it is against the nature of fallen humanity to live in such a state. But, if God so commanded it, and putting it in such strong wording (*without which*) he must have made a way for us to live in such a state.

To deny holiness is to deny the very power of the blood. Christ made a way at Calvary to obtain not only the forgiveness of sins, but also power over sin. The sacrifice made there was to change the very nature of mankind so to have sweet fellowship once again with God. Jesus not only can forgive sins but also cleanse mankind from the nature of sin, to destroy the propensity of a corrupt heart.

We cannot have fellowship with the devil and with God at the same time. One has to go, who will it be? The choice is OURS! God has commanded for us to live holy, without sin. If that is the requirement to make heaven, then we must have faith in the blood of the Lamb. He can and will make us holy to **“worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.”**