

**Outline #6** The Holy Spirit and Living a Holy Life

Scripture Song: The Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22–23)

**1. The holiness of God**

- a) Isaiah 6:1–3
- b) Revelation 4:8
- c) Leviticus 19:1–2
- d) Psalm 99:1–3, 9
- e) The Lord is holy—perfectly good and free from all evil. What encouragement do you find in knowing that the Lord our God is holy?
- f) How is God’s holiness revealed?
- g) Where do you see the holiness of God revealed in the life of Jesus?

**2. Called to live a holy life**

- a) 1 Peter 1:13–16
- b) Ephesians 1:3–4
- c) Hebrews 12:14
- d) Ephesians 5:25–27
- e) Why is a holy life pleasing to the Lord?

**3. How is holiness attained**

- a) Titus 3:3–7
- b) 1 Corinthians 6:9–11
- c) Philippians 1:3–6
- d) If we are both justified and sanctified as a gift of God’s grace, what role do we play in the lifelong process of sanctification?

**4. Pursuing holiness**

- a) What are some inappropriate reasons for wanting to live a holy life?
- b) Ephesians 4:17–24
- c) Romans 13:11–14
- d) 1 John 2:3–5. God’s law is holy and His commandments are holy and just and good (Romans 7:12). If salvation is “not of works lest anyone should boast” (Ephesians 2:9), why is it important to keep the commandments?
- e) How do we avoid the trap of thinking that our progress in holiness recommends us to God or in some way earns us salvation? Hebrews 12:1–2
- f) Luke 18:9–14. Why is a self-righteous attitude offensive to God?
- g) How would you respond to a friend who says, “I’ve tried and tried to overcome a habitual sin in my life but it’s impossible”?
- h) Explain how we can be called “saints” (holy ones—Ephesians 1:1) and “a holy nation” (1 Peter 2:9) even though we are still growing in grace and have not yet attained God’s ideal for our lives.
- i) Why is the testimony of the apostle Paul to Christians in Philippi wise counsel for each one of us today? Philippians 3:12–14

