

CrossRoads Baptist Church
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Romans 6:12-23
Romans #39

“Our Identity Leads to Holiness”

I have repeated this many times in this series, “You won’t live out something you don’t believe you are.”

So this morning I want us to look at how our identity leads us to holiness.

1. Our Identity is holiness

Holiness is not first and foremost a matter of external rules and regulations.

Holiness is not first and foremost, external. You are not holy just because you don’t wear, do wear; where you go or don’t go.

Let me remind us that we are not going for behavior modification because that leads to legalism and death.

Lev. 11:44 “Be holy, for I am holy.”

Ephesians 1:4 “Chosen to be holy and without blame”

I Peter 2:9 “You are a holy nation.”

God views you holy, you must view yourself as holy.

God is holy, and His nature now lives inside of you, so you are holy.

Romans 6: 19 ““For holiness”

Romans 6:22 “you have your fruit to holiness”

2. This belief will lead to us presenting our bodies to righteousness

Go through the process of presenting and surrendering the members of your body afresh to the Lord: my eyes, my tongue, my ears, my feet, my hands. And especially my mind.

3. You are free to be holy

The reason we have not been holy before is we couldn’t. We didn’t have the power. The power to live holy is not a moral power, but a spiritual power. Dead people don’t have that power.

6:16-18; 20, 22

The person with the greatest freedom is the one who can say no.

Sin is no longer the ruler of your life

You are free – don’t go back to bondage.

You have the power to remain free – but God respects your free will.

The only person who can be free is the person who is free. You can’t free yourself.

When you fall, you go back to the gospel: seeking His forgiveness and applying the principle that the old man died, was buried and the new man is alive through the spirit of Christ.

We are not talking about holy perfection, but holy direction.

4. Consequences of not living holy

a. Grieve the Holy Spirit

b. Confuse your mind

c. Momentarily lose your salvation

There is no standing still. You are either advancing or declining.

Nowhere in Scripture does salvation permit us to let up.

d. Let sin regain power 6:12

5. Gift of holy living

Romans 6:22-23 - you have the very life of God living inside of you and you experience that life daily.