



THE TRUTH UNVEILED



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Sanctified and Holy—you hear this phrase from almost every Christian on the street. If you sample ten different people, ask them what **Sanctification** and **Holiness** mean, and who is sanctified and holy? You are likely to get ten different answers—why ten different answers? People have created their definitions and standards for **Sanctification** and **Holiness**. One of the significant problems we have today is that people have twisted the writings of Apostle Paul to mean that he wrote against the laws and commandments of the Most High God; people use his writings to truncate the words of Jesus, the law and the prophets. Because people have misinterpreted the writings of Apostle Paul, people do what is contrary to the laws and commandments of the Most High God and still claim to be sanctified and holy. The writings of Paul and other Apostles are in perfect harmony with the words of Jesus, the law and the prophets.

This in-depth article will explain what true sanctification and holiness entail. Almost everyone can claim to be sanctified and holy, but not every claim is genuine. We will build precepts from different parts of the Bible, and in the end, it will be difficult for you not to understand this vital subject.

I, the writer of this article, have gotten into severe trouble for asking local district pastor questions that show the laws and the prophets are not done away with. My questions were deemed foolish because they strongly suggested the laws are not done away with. The irony out there is extreme: the very people teaching us to be holy and sanctified are the same people leading us to go against the dietary and cleanliness law, disregard the feast days outlined by the Most High God and embrace feasts not mentioned in the Bible like Mothers' Day, Fathers' Day, Easter, Christmas, Lent, Ash Wednesday etc. Of course, people can do everything out there, but what the Word of God states.

We will walk through the Bible, precept upon precept, and line upon line, here a little and there a little. The Bible instructs us to be holy in all manner of conversation (way of life).

WHAT IS SANCTIFICATION?

Before we define sanctification, let us look at some places in the Bible where this word is mentioned and the root Hebrew/Greek word.

- Genesis 2:3: Sanctified —Strong's **H6942**
- Exodus 13:2: Sanctify—Strong's **H6942**
- Exodus 19:14: Sanctified—Strong's **H6942**
- Exodus 20:8: Holy—Strong's **H6942**
- Exodus 28:38: Hallow —Strong's **H6942**
- Exodus 29:21: Hallowed—Strong's **H6942**
- Exodus 30:30: Consecrate —Strong's **H6942**
- Leviticus 8:11: Sanctify —Strong's **H6942**
- John 17:17: Sanctify —Strong's **G37**
- Hebrews 13.12: Sanctify —Strong's **G37**

The word "**sanctify**" is from the Hebrew word **Qadas** (or **hagiázō** in some places in the New Testament)—meaning: consecrate, sanctify, prepare, dedicate, be hallowed, holy, sanctified, and separate. Sanctification (verb—sanctify) means "to set apart for special use or purpose", that is, to make holy or sacred. Therefore, sanctification refers to the state or process of being set apart and holy.

The questions that we should ask are:

- What sanctifies (sets apart, makes holy) us?
- When we are in the state of being sanctified, what should be our way of life?

The word of God sets us apart and makes us holy. So, how does the word of God make us holy? Let us see:

2 CORINTHIANS 6:17

Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.

The word of the Most High God instructs us to come out from what is unclean and not to touch unclean things. Here is another big question: what things are unclean? What things are clean? The divide between the clean/unclean is where the confusion is, and we will clear that up. For example, some pastors claim that Apostle Paul gave them authority to eat swine and all sorts of unclean meats like shrimp, catfish, lobster and things God designates as unclean. People have twisted the writings of Apostle Paul to classify what is not holy as holy, and vice versa—we will clarify that in this article. Jesus made that clear—it is the word of God that sanctifies. So, let us see the words of Jesus:

JOHN 17:5-18

5 And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was. 6 I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. 7 Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. **8 For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me.** 9 I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. 10 And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them. 11 And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are. 12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. 13 And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves. 14 **I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.** 15 I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. 16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. **17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.** 18 **As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.** 19 **And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.**

The above passage is Jesus praying for His disciples. Notice something very striking; what is it? It is the "word of God". Jesus gave the word to his disciples and followers, and they kept it. Notice verse 14: "**I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.**" Can you see it is the word of God that sets apart (sanctify)? Jesus gave them the word of God, and the world hated them; why? Because the word of God sets them apart.

The words of the Most High God say:

- You shall not commit adultery.
- You shall tell a lie.
- You shall not kill.
- Do not eat unclean things.
- Keep my Sabbath (both weekly and high days).

- Keep my cleanliness laws.
- Do not have malice.
- Love your brother.
- And the list goes on.

What does one find in the world—the message of the Devil—the deceiver? We see the opposite of the above.

- You can commit adultery.
- You can tell a lie.
- You can kill.
- You can eat unclean things; pray over it.
- You don't have to keep the Sabbath (both weekly and high days).
- You don't have to follow the cleanliness law.
- You can have malice.
- You can hate your brother.
- And the list goes on.

Comparing the two lists, can you see how the word of the Most High God sets one apart from the world? THE WORD OF GOD SETS APART. Why did Jesus say the world hated them? Because the two are opposed to each other. Notice something very striking in verses 18 -19:

- "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth"—Verse 17
- "that they also might be sanctified through the truth"—Verse 19

Can you see that the truth of the word of God sets one apart (sanctifies)? Verse 17 says, "**Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.**" One is sanctified (set apart) by the truth of the Most High God, and His word is the truth. The Psalmist understood this very well.

Psalm 119:142: "Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy law is the truth."

The law of the Most High God is also the truth; Jesus is the truth because He speaks the word of the Most High God.

Malachi 2:6: "The law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips: he walked with me in peace and equity, and did turn many away from iniquity."

Some have defined sanctification to mean 'removal of the Adamic nature'. But what is the Adamic nature? In verse 19, Jesus says, "I sanctify myself". Is He saying he removed some Adamic nature in himself? Jesus never had any Adamic nature in him in the first place.

Don't complicate the definition: Sanctification means to set apart for what is holy. Jesus sanctifies (sets apart) himself by obeying God's word. Apostle John says the same thing stated by Jesus in **John 17:14**.

1 JOHN 2:15-17

15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the father, but is of the world. 17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

So, can you see what sanctification is? It simply means to **SET APART** for **HOLY USE**, and It is the word of God (the truth) that sets one apart (sanctifies)—Keep it simple—follow the definition given by the Bible.

WHAT SANCTIFIES—THE DIVIDING LINE

Many people claim to be sanctified and holy but will tell you we don't have to keep the laws of God given by Moses because we are under grace. When God says, "**You must live a sanctified and holy life**", He has specified what you must do to be holy without ambiguity. The idea that the Apostles somehow came and nullified the commandments of God given by Moses and the prophets is unwise and dangerous. The question we should be asking at this point is, how are we to live a holy life? **What rules, laws, commandments, instructions, guidelines, and statutes are there for us to follow to be holy?** This question is a great one. Let us see from the Bible:

1 PETER 1:13-19

13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; 14 As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: **15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;** 16 **Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.** 17 And if ye call on the father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear: 18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; 19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

Notice verse 15 in the above passage: **But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation.** This verse says we should be holy in all manner of life. The word 'conversation' means ways of life.

God has stipulated how we are to conduct ourselves:

- How we are to relate to one another.
- How we are to relate to Him as our creator.
- How we should treat people experiencing poverty.
- How we should conduct agriculture.
- Give ourselves rest.
- The dietary law—eat what is clean and suitable for our health.
- The cleanliness law—cleanliness in our homes and the sanctuary of worship.
- The feasts we are to observe.
- How we should deal with disputes.
- How we should deal with civil issues.
- How we should deal with infectious diseases.
- And the list goes on.

Notice the word '**ALL**' in Apostle Peter's statement: **all manner of conversation** (way of life). All ways of life: what we eat, cleanliness, health, feast days, and lots more. Let us ask a further question: did Apostle Peter specify everything required to live a holy life in detail? Did he? No! He stated that we are to live holy in all manner of life and refers people to the writings that contain these rules. Watch verse 16: "**Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.**" What is written? Where is it written?

If you are a good student of the Bible, you will go to the places where Apostle Peter is referring you. Let us see the places Apostle Peter is talking about.

EXODUS 19:6 "And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel."

EXODUS 22:31 "And ye shall be holy men unto me: neither shall ye eat any flesh that is torn of beasts in the field; ye shall cast it to the dogs."

LEVITICUS 10:10 "And that ye may put difference between holy and unholy, and between unclean and clean;"

LEVITICUS 11:44 "For I am the Lord your God: ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and ye shall be holy; for I am holy: neither shall ye defile yourselves with any manner of creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth."

LEVITICUS 11:45 "For I am the Lord that bringeth you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: ye shall therefore be holy, for I am holy."

LEVITICUS 19:2 "Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them, Ye shall be holy: for I the Lord your God am holy."

LEVITICUS 20:7 "Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I am the Lord your God."

LEVITICUS 20:26 "And ye shall be holy unto me: for I the Lord am holy, and have severed you from other people, that ye should be mine."

LEVITICUS 23:3 "Six days shall work be done: but the seventh day is the sabbath of rest, an holy convocation; ye shall do no work therein: it is the sabbath of the Lord in all your dwellings."

LEVITICUS 23:21 "And ye shall proclaim on the selfsame day, that it may be an holy convocation unto you: ye shall do no servile work therein: it shall be a statute for ever in all your dwellings throughout your generations."

Anyone who is Biblically honest would know and admit that Apostle Peter is referring the reader to the Scriptures. Was the New Testament written when Apostle Peter wrote his letter to the strangers scattered abroad? No! There was nothing like the New Testament. What text is Apostle Peter referring to the strangers scattered abroad? The Scriptures—the law and the prophets. Apostle Peter is saying if you want to live a sanctified and holy life, you follow what is written in the law and the prophets. Did Apostle Peter tell them that the laws of God written by Moses are done away with? No! Where did the so-called "Pentecostals" get the idea that the Scriptures written by the great servant of the Most High, Moses, are done away with? From the Devil—the father of lies and deception. Let us look at what Apostle Peter wrote again.

1 PETER 1:15-16

"But as he which hath called you is holy, so **be ye holy in all manner of conversation; 16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.**"

Holy in all ways of life (conversation). What are these ways of life? IT IS WRITTEN—where is it written? Let us see:

AS IT IS WRITTEN, BE YE HOLY IN ALL MANNER OF CONVERSATION: BE HOLY IN YOUR DIET

The Most High God has specified what should and should not be eaten. Not every creature is good for our health—and the Most High God knows everything. **Deuteronomy 14, Leviticus 11, Isaiah 66:15-18, Daniel 1:8, and Isaiah 65:4-5** outline what we can eat. Not everything is clean—all creatures of God are good (good for the original purpose), but not everything is good for good. Can you see holiness entails patterning your diet according to the Scriptures? We have written extensively on [The Physical And Spiritual Dangers Of Eating Unclean Meats](#); please refer to that article.

So, when the Most High God says, 'Be ye holy for I am Holy', He typically stipulates the guidelines and boundaries determining what is holy and what is not. God never leaves people in the dark—He always outlines things clearly without ambiguity.

The idea that the Apostles came and wrote against the law of God written by Moses is false. If one studies the Bible, this idea is wrong and unwise. So let us examine this closely to see the truth; look critically at the verse below.

LEVITICUS 11:44 "For I am the Lord your God: ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, **and ye shall be holy; for I am holy**: neither shall ye defile yourselves with any manner of creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth."

The above verse is part of the dietary law; God specified the creeping things that defile in **Leviticus 11 and Deuteronomy 14**. The prophets used the law as the foundation for their prophecies—how? Let us see:

ISAIAH 66:15-18

15 For, behold, the Lord will come with fire, and with his chariots like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire. 16 For by fire and by his sword will the Lord plead with all flesh: and the slain of the Lord shall be many. 17 **They that sanctify themselves, and purify themselves in the gardens behind one tree in the midst, eating swine's flesh, and the abomination, and the mouse, shall be consumed together, saith the Lord.** 18 For I know their works and their thoughts: it shall come, that I will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come, and see my glory.

Can you see that prophet Isaiah builds his prophecy on the truth already established in the laws of God? The prophecies and works of the prophets are in harmony with the law; they came to enforce the law that was delivered by the Most High through His great servant Moses. In the above passage, Isaiah prophesies the truth about what Moses wrote. Isaiah kept the dietary laws. What about Daniel?

DANIEL 1.8

But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the King's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.

Have you ever wondered why Daniel did not eat the King's food? Why did he not just pray over and eat it? Notice what Daniel said: **he would not defile himself. Pause** and think, why would a food defile? Where did Daniel get the idea that food would defile a man? Daniel obeyed the truth in God's word (**Leviticus 11:44**) delivered by Moses. What of the New Testament? Let us see the life of Apostle Peter:

Acts 10:14 "But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean."

Apostle Peter kept the dietary law after Jesus' resurrection—the New Covenant was in full force. If the New Covenant had cancelled the dietary law, why was Apostle Peter still keeping the law at this stage? Apostle Peter was with Jesus and saw everything He said and did; if the new covenant had cancelled the law, he would have been the first to know and practice it. So, don't be misled to think that the Apostles wrote against the law. So, let us look at more Scriptures to get clarity.

1 TIMOTHY 4:1-6

4 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; 2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; 3 Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain

from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth. 4 For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving: 5 For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer. 6 If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained.

ISAIAH 6:15-18

15 For, behold, the Lord will come with fire, and with his chariots like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire. 16 For by fire and by his sword will the Lord plead with all flesh: and the slain of the Lord shall be many. 17 They that sanctify themselves, and purify themselves in the gardens behind one tree in the midst, eating swine's flesh, and the abomination, and the mouse, shall be consumed together, saith the Lord. 18 For I know their works and their thoughts: it shall come, that I will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come, and see my glory.

Future prophecy concerning the Day of the Lord is found in **Isaiah 66:15-18**—it has not come to pass. The Bible explains itself; how do we reconcile the two passages (**Isaiah 66:15-18** and **1 Timothy 4:1-6**)? Can we say that Apostle Paul encourages people to eat pork (and all unclean meats) while Prophet Isaiah warns that Jesus will come to destroy those who consume pork and other unclean meats? Apostle Paul is simply saying if the Most High God has designated an animal as clean, we are to receive it with thanksgiving and eat it. See what Isaiah further wrote:

ISAIAH 65:4-5

which remain among the graves, and lodge in the monuments, which eat swine's flesh, and broth of abominable things is in their vessels; which say, Stand by thyself, come not near to me; for I am holier than thou.

Can you see part of the places Apostle Peter is referring people to? If you want to live a "set apart" life (sanctified life), your diet needs to be holy; you need to stop eating broth of abominable things in your vessel.

Stop eating pork, crayfish, catfish, shrimp, lobster, fishes without fins and scales, and all animals that have not been set apart as clean by the word of God. I have had a hard time telling some of my friends from Nigeria, where I am from, to abstain from catfish and crayfish. Catfish and crayfish—all fall into the category of abominable things that people in Nigeria put in their vessels. People do these because they don't know the truth. The Most High God is merciful and brings the truth along your way. The floor is yours—you can choose to obey the Most High God or continue to eat broth of abominable things in your vessels like catfish, pork, and crayfish—no one will force you to do that; take the initiative yourself.

All Apostle Paul is saying is that if God has declared an animal clean, we are to accept that with thanksgiving and eat it. Can you see how the Bible interprets itself?

AS IT IS WRITTEN, BE YE HOLY IN ALL MANNER OF CONVERSATION: OBEY THE CLEANLINESS LAWS

Every word of God is essential, and we are to take them seriously. The Most High God is a God of cleanliness. Let us see:

DEUTERONOMY 23:12-14

12 Thou shalt have a place also without the camp, whither thou shalt go forth abroad: 13 And thou shalt have a paddle upon thy weapon; and it shall be, when thou wilt ease thyself abroad, thou shalt dig therewith, and shalt turn back and cover that which cometh from thee: 14 For the Lord thy God walketh in the midst of thy camp, to deliver thee, and to give up thine enemies before thee; therefore shall thy camp be holy: that he see no unclean thing in thee, and turn away from thee.

The above passage says the camp where the children of Israel were meeting should be kept holy. What kind of unclean things is the above quote talking about? Let us see some examples.

NUMBERS 31:24

And ye shall wash your clothes on the seventh day, and ye shall be clean, and afterward ye shall come into the camp.

Can you see what is classed as unclean in the above passage? These are material things. For example, someone who sleeps with his wife and whose clothing is dirty with all sorts of things cannot come into the camp; he needs to wash his clothes and be clean. The Most High God is a person; we are created in his likeness. But, just as we don't like unclean things, so does He.

When the Most High God came down and spoke to the children of Israel, He ordered the whole camp to be clean. Let us see:

EXODUS 19:9-15

9 And the Lord said unto Moses, Lo, I come unto thee in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with thee, and believe thee for ever. And Moses told the words of the people unto the Lord. **10 And the Lord said unto Moses, Go unto the people, and sanctify them to day and to morrow, and let them wash their clothes,** 11 And be ready against the third day: for the third day the Lord will come down in the sight of all the people upon mount Sinai. 12 And thou shalt set bounds unto the people round about, saying, Take heed to yourselves, that ye go not up into the mount, or touch the border of it: whosoever toucheth the mount shall be surely put to death: 13 There shall not an hand touch it, but he shall surely be stoned, or shot through; whether it be beast or man, it shall not live: when the trumpet soundeth long, they shall come up to the mount. 14 And Moses went down from the mount unto the people, and sanctified the people; and they washed their clothes. **15 And he said unto the people, Be ready against the third day: come not at your wives.**

Can you see what the Most High God outlines in the above passage? He instructs them to be clean. The Most High God is a God of cleanliness and order. So, let us ask a question to get us in the right direction: Why would the Most High God care about physical cleanliness if all that matters is going to heaven? Why does He give such importance to cleanliness? To answer these questions, let us simplify things so everyone can understand them.

If you receive an invitation to come and meet the president of the United States in the White House, how are you supposed to go? In tattered and dirty-smelling clothes? Unclean? Of course, no! Any sane person would go there very clean and in their best clothes. So, the Most High God is no different. We need to do much more because we are coming into the presence of someone more significant than the president of the United States. Let us see another simple example—this would help people with feeble understanding to understand things clearly.

In most cultures, a woman who has just given birth is asked to stay away from the kitchen and not prepare food—why? Most people would wait until her body is purified and healed. Why? It all has to do with cleanliness. If we don't like unclean things, why do we think the Most High God would want dirty things? The Most High God is no different from us: as we have feelings, so does He. Examine the passage below:

LEVITICUS 12:2

Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If a woman have conceived seed, and born a man child: then she shall be unclean seven days; according to the days of the separation for her infirmity shall she be unclean.

LEVITICUS 12:5

But if she bear a maid child, then she shall be unclean two weeks, as in her separation: and she shall continue in the blood of her purifying threescore and six days.

Let us see another example in the Scriptures:

LEVITICUS 13:9-20

9 When the plague of leprosy is in a man, then he shall be brought unto the priest; 10 And the priest shall see him: and, behold, if the rising be white in the skin, and it have turned the hair white, and there be quick raw flesh in the rising; 11 It is an old leprosy in the skin of his flesh, and the priest shall pronounce him unclean, and shall not shut him up: for he is unclean. 12 And if a leprosy break out abroad in the skin, and the leprosy cover all the skin of him that hath the plague from his head even to his foot, wheresoever the priest looketh; 13 Then the priest shall consider: and, behold, if the leprosy have covered all his flesh, he shall pronounce him clean that hath the plague: it is all turned white: he is clean. 14 But when raw flesh appeareth in him, he shall be unclean. 15 And the priest shall see the raw flesh, and pronounce him to be unclean: for the raw flesh is unclean: it is a leprosy. 16 Or if the raw flesh turn again, and be changed unto white, he shall come unto the priest; 17 And the priest shall see him: and, behold, if the plague be turned into white; then the priest shall pronounce him clean that hath the plague: he is clean.

The above passage talks about leprosy; why would the priest examine and pronounce certain situations unclean? It all has to do with cleanliness. Certain leprosy can be contagious and infect other people. Can you see cleanliness is essential? Very important!

During the Covid-19 lockdown, in some countries, people were required to go into quarantine—why? The quarantine was to stop the spread of Covid-19. It is the same principle the Bible has outlined, and people have neglected; Covid 19 came and forced people to do that.

Any pastor/leader teaching his people that the cleanliness instructions are done away with is teaching error (in ignorance or rebellion). The Most High God is teaching us great principles of cleanliness—we are to eat what is clean and live in a clean environment (both in our homes and the sanctuary of worship).

Let us see what Apostle Paul wrote:

GALATIANS 5:19-21

19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, **uncleanness**, lasciviousness, 20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, 21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

EPHESIANS 5:5-6

5 For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor **unclean person**, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. 6 Let no man deceive you

with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.

Apostle Paul writes following the Scriptures, not against them. No uncleanness (Physical or otherwise) will inherit the kingdom of God. The uncleanness Apostle Paul is referring to is both physical and, in the heart—all uncleanness. If people were honest, they would realise that the Apostles never wrote against the law and the prophets. To be sanctified and holy means to live in cleanliness—cleanness in the heart and outside (clean environment)—all essential. Eat what is pure/clean and live in a clean environment—in your homes and the sanctuary.

AS IT IS WRITTEN, BE YE HOLY IN ALL MANNER OF CONVERSATION: OBSERVE THE FEAST DAYS COMMANDED BY GOD

As it is written: What did God write about the feast days we are to keep? See, if you cannot read any feast in the Bible, don't observe it. Holiness and sanctification mean keeping the feast days outlined by the Most High God in **Leviticus 23**; anything outside is not sanctification and holiness.

LEVITICUS 23:1-7

23 And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, Concerning the feasts of the Lord, which ye shall proclaim to be holy convocations, even these are my feasts. 3 Six days shall work be done: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of rest, an holy convocation; ye shall do no work therein: it is the Sabbath of the Lord in all your dwellings. 4 These are the feasts of the Lord, even holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons. 5 In the fourteenth day of the first month at even is the Lord's passover. 6 And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the feast of unleavened bread unto the Lord: seven days ye must eat unleavened bread. 7 In the first day ye shall have an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein.

Please read the whole of **Leviticus 23**; it outlines all the feasts we are to observe. These are the feasts of the Lord and not the Jews. People can do any and everything but what is stated in the Bible. Mothers' Day, Fathers' Day, Christmas, Easter, Halloween, Lent, Ash Wednesday, etc.—where did you see all these in the Bible? You can't find a single command in the Bible telling you to keep Mothers' Day, Fathers' Day, Christmas, Easter, Halloween, Lent, or Ash Wednesday—you can't find it anywhere. Why? They are not from the Most High God. Being holy and sanctified is doing the feasts outlined by the Most High God. Jesus kept the feast days; the disciples saw everything Jesus taught and did, and they followed His examples. Let us see what Apostle Paul wrote. People often run to the writings of Paul to find justification for breaking the commandments. Examine the passage below:

1 CORINTHIANS 5:6-8

6 Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? 7 Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: 8 **Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.**

Apostle Paul is telling people to keep the feast of Passover (Not Easter) and how to keep it. What kind of holiness is that when you observe Mothers' Day, Fathers' Day, Christmas, Easter, Halloween, Lent, and Ash Wednesday instead of what God outlines? It is no holiness. Being sanctified and holy is all about doing what the Most High God stipulates. We have

written extensively about the truth behind the pagan-derived holidays and what the Most High God says; please read our articles on:

- [Easter Is Pagan And Not Holy](#)
- [Christmas! —Thou Shall Not Do So Unto The Lord Thy God.](#)

AS IT IS WRITTEN, BE YE HOLY IN ALL MANNER OF CONVERSATION:

We have been looking at the places that Apostle Peter refers to; let us see more where he asks us to go and read.

LEVITICUS 19:1-18

1 And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, 2 **Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them, Ye shall be holy: for I the Lord your God am holy.** 3 Ye shall fear every man his mother, and his father, and keep my sabbaths: I am the Lord your God. 4 Turn ye not unto idols, nor make to yourselves molten gods: I am the Lord your God. 5 And if ye offer a sacrifice of peace offerings unto the Lord, ye shall offer it at your own will. 6 It shall be eaten the same day ye offer it, and on the morrow: and if ought remain until the third day, it shall be burnt in the fire. 7 And if it be eaten at all on the third day, it is abominable; it shall not be accepted. 8 Therefore every one that eateth it shall bear his iniquity, because he hath profaned the hallowed thing of the Lord: and that soul shall be cut off from among his people. 9 And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not wholly reap the corners of thy field, neither shalt thou gather the gleanings of thy harvest. 10 And thou shalt not glean thy vineyard, neither shalt thou gather every grape of thy vineyard; thou shalt leave them for the poor and stranger: I am the Lord your God. 11 Ye shall not steal, neither deal falsely, neither lie one to another. 12 And ye shall not swear by my name falsely, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I am the Lord. 13 Thou shalt not defraud thy neighbour, neither rob him: the wages of him that is hired shall not abide with thee all night until the morning. 14 Thou shalt not curse the deaf, nor put a stumblingblock before the blind, but shalt fear thy God: I am the Lord. 15 Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment: thou shalt not respect the person of the poor, nor honor the person of the mighty: but in righteousness shalt thou judge thy neighbour. 16 Thou shalt not go up and down as a talebearer among thy people: neither shalt thou stand against the blood of thy neighbour; I am the Lord. 17 Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart: thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbour, and not suffer sin upon him. 18 Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I am the Lord.

Look at the opening remark of this chapter above:

And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them, Ye shall be holy: for I the Lord your God am holy.

Can you see what Apostle Peter is saying? AS IT IS WRITTEN. **Leviticus 19** is one of the places Apostle Peter is referring us to; it outlines instructions to follow to be sanctified and holy. This chapter is apparent, and we don't need to discuss every verse in this chapter. However, let us state some of the critical things in bullet points:

- One should honour their parents (Vs 3)
- One should keep all the sabbaths (weekly and high days). (Vs 3)
- Do not worship idols or set up images to worship them. (Vs 4)
- Sacrifice: how it shall be done. (Vs 5)

- Do not harvest everything on your field; leave some for the poor to glean (Vs 9-10), see also **James 1:27**.
- Do not steal. (Vs 11)
- Do not lie. (Vs 11)
- Do not profane the name of the Lord. (Vs 12)
- Do not defraud thy neighbour. (Vs 13)
- Do not keep peoples' wages more than necessary. Pay your workers in a timely fashion. (Vs 13)
- Treat deaf people (and all disabled) with kindness. (Vs 14)
- Do not be a talebearer. (Vs 16)
- Do not hate thy brother. (Vs 17)

LEVITICUS 19:19-37

19 Ye shall keep my statutes. Thou shalt not let thy cattle gender with a diverse kind: thou shalt not sow thy field with mingled seed: neither shall a garment mingled of linen and woollen come upon thee. 20 And whosoever lieth carnally with a woman, that is a bondmaid, betrothed to an husband, and not at all redeemed, nor freedom given her; she shall be scourged; they shall not be put to death, because she was not free. 21 And he shall bring his trespass offering unto the Lord, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, even a ram for a trespass offering. 22 And the priest shall make an atonement for him with the ram of the trespass offering before the Lord for his sin which he hath done: and the sin which he hath done shall be forgiven him. 23 And when ye shall come into the land, and shall have planted all manner of trees for food, then ye shall count the fruit thereof as uncircumcised: three years shall it be as uncircumcised unto you: it shall not be eaten of. 24 But in the fourth year all the fruit thereof shall be holy to praise the Lord withal. 25 And in the fifth year shall ye eat of the fruit thereof, that it may yield unto you the increase thereof: I am the Lord your God. 26 Ye shall not eat any thing with the blood: neither shall ye use enchantment, nor observe times. 27 Ye shall not round the corners of your heads, neither shalt thou mar the corners of thy beard. 28 Ye shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor print any marks upon you: I am the Lord. 29 Do not prostitute thy daughter, to cause her to be a whore; lest the land fall to whoredom, and the land become full of wickedness. 30 Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I am the Lord. 31 Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them: I am the Lord your God. 32 Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honour the face of the old man, and fear thy God: I am the Lord. 33 And if a stranger sojourn with thee in your land, ye shall not vex him. 34 But the stranger that dwelleth with you shall be unto you as one born among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself; for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God. 35 Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment, in meteyard, in weight, or in measure.

36 Just balances, just weights, a just ephah, and a just hin, shall ye have: I am the Lord your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt. 37 Therefore shall ye observe all my statutes, and all my judgments, and do them: I am the Lord.

- Do not bear a grudge against thy people. (Vs 18)
- Keep all the statutes and commandments of the Most High God. (Vs 19)
- Coming into the promised land and dealing with agriculture. (Vs 23-25).
- Do not eat anything with blood (this is part of the dietary law). Vs 26
- Do not round the corners of your head or mar the corners of your beard. (Vs 27)
- Do not make cutting into your body nor print any marks on your body. (Vs 28).
- Do not prostitute thy daughter, to cause her to be a whore (harlot). (Vs 29).
- You shall keep the sabbaths of the Lord (weekly sabbaths and all high days)—(Vs 30)

- Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards (Vs 31).
- Honour older people (Vs 32).
- Be kind to a stranger (Vs 33-34).
- Judge righteously; use just measures; use just weight and balances. (Vs 35-36).
- Therefore, shall ye observe all my statutes and judgments, and do them: I am the Lord. (Vs 37).

Can you see all the bullet points above? Can you see what Apostle Peter is asking people to go and read? Anyone honest would understand that Apostle Peter is telling everyone to return to the law and prophets and see what is written there. Can you see the things written? **AS IT IS WRITTEN. Leviticus 19** is just one of the places where "it is written". We can spend the whole day going through the law and prophets, exploring all the places where **IT IS WRITTEN.**

Notice verses 3 and 30:

- **Ye shall fear every man his mother, and his father, and keep my sabbaths: I am the Lord your God. (Vs 3)**
- **Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I am the Lord. (Vs 30).**

Keep my sabbaths: the weekly Sabbath and the high days. The weekly sabbath points to the fact that the Most High God created the heavens and the earth; He set apart (sanctified) this day and hallowed it—he rested on this day. The high sabbaths have significance when it comes to God's plan for salvation. The Most High God never changed the sabbaths—He never did! The people who gave you Christmas and Easter are the same people who invented Sunday (the first day) as a day of rest and holy convocation instead of the seventh-day Sabbath. When the children of Israel came out of Egypt, the Most High God told them to remember the Sabbath to keep it holy. Why remember? Because it has always been there. The disciples met on the first day of the week, and some use this as an argument that the day of rest has been transferred from the seventh-day Sabbath to the first day (Sunday). The first-day argument is invalid. Why? Nowhere is it stated in the Bible that because the disciples and the apostles met on the first day, the day of rest and holy convocation has been changed from the seventh-day Sabbath to the first day—nowhere.

Do not be dishonest biblically, trying to inject something that is not there into the Scriptures. The very people who invented Christmas and Easter (rabbits and bunnies and sunrises services) are the same people who invented Sunday. They have used all sorts of arguments to make it stick. Christmas, Easter, Sunday as a day of rest, Lent, and Ash Wednesday—all gravitate towards sun worship.

If you are a good student of the Bible and very honest, you will not inject what is not there into the Bible. Instead, let us see some verses, and you will see the Sunday arguments fall apart like a house of cards. Look at the passage below:

MATTHEW 24:14-22

"14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come. 15 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) 16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: 17 Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house: 18 Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes. 19 And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! **20 But pray ye that your flight be not in the Winter, neither on the sabbath day:** 21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. 22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened."

The above passage is a future prophecy, and Jesus tells them to pray that their flight is not in the Winter or on a Sabbath. If the Sabbaths were abolished, why would Jesus ask His disciples to pray for their flight not to be in the Winter or on the Sabbath? Do you think the sabbath command was cancelled and would be re-enacted again in the future? The truth is, the sabbath command was never revoked. Don't fall to the deception of the Devil. Further, let us see another future prophecy, and you will see the Sunday arguments in tatters.

ISAIAH 66:22-24

22 For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the Lord, so shall your seed and your name remain. **23 And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the Lord.** 24 And they shall go forth, and look upon the carcases of the men that have transgressed against me: for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh.

The above passage in Isaiah is a future prophecy concerning the Millennial reign of Christ. All flesh will come and worship before the Lord in Jerusalem. Why not Sunday or Christmas or Easter or Lent? Because they are from the Lord. **Isaiah 66:23** is a future prophecy and is yet to be fulfilled. Do you think the Most High God cancelled the sabbaths and would set them up again in the future? No! Don't be deceived. Let us see another passage.

ZECHARIAH 14:16-21

16 And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles. 17 And it shall be, that whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain. 18 And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, that have no rain; there shall be the plague, wherewith the Lord will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles. 19 This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all nations that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles. 20 In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, Holiness Unto The Lord; and the pots in the Lord's house shall be like the bowls before the altar. 21 Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holiness unto the Lord of hosts: and all they that sacrifice shall come and take of them, and seethe therein: and in that day there shall be no more the Canaanite in the house of the Lord of hosts.

Can you see the correlation between **Isaiah 66:23** and **Zechariah 14:16**? Both passages are talking about the Millennial reign of Christ. All shall come before the Most High God and worship him. All will keep the feast of Tabernacles and all other sabbaths. Can you see the argument for Sunday in tatters? If you are a diligent student of the Bible, it does not take long for the lies to fall apart.

Can you see what it means to be sanctified and holy? It is all about keeping the commandments and laws of God **AS IT IS WRITTEN**. So, do what is written in the Scriptures. If the Bible did not instruct you to do certain things, don't do it. So, where is the commandment telling you to keep Easter and Christmas? Where? You will not find any command in the Bible telling you to keep these events with Idolatrous background.

We cannot exhaust all the scriptures that Apostle Peter refers to in this article. The principle is we are to obey all the instructions of the Most High God written in the law and the prophets to be sanctified and holy. The problem is people cherry-pick what command to obey and what not to obey. If you talk about the sabbaths, the feast days, the dietary law, and the cleanliness laws, they will quickly run to the Apostles' writing to find cover for breaking the laws and commandments. We have sufficiently illustrated that Apostle Paul and others did not write against the law and the prophets—they never did!

It is not hard to obey the commandments of the Most High God. Anyone who is adamant and wants to wrongfully use the writings of Apostle Paul to break the sabbaths, dietary laws, cleanliness laws, feast days, etc., the Most High God will allow strong delusion to fall on you since you don't want to obey him.

Some have a wrong understanding of holiness; I came across an article on the web where church leaders forced a man to shave off his beard because having a beard is not holy. Is having a beard an unholy thing? Let us see from the Bible.

Leviticus 19:27 "Ye shall not round the corners of your heads, neither shalt thou mar the corners of thy beard."

Keeping a beard is not a sin and is a good thing. Why? The beard is a manly feature, and erasing it means erasing a landmark feature distinguishing man and woman. In Egypt, it was a practice to make bald on their and smooth their beards, and God instructed them not to follow that practice. Moses had a beard, Aaron had a beard, Jesus had a beard, and King David had a beard. So, where did people get the idea that shaving one's beard means holiness? It is not from God—the commandment of men. So, let us see from the Scriptures if King David and His men kept a beard.

2 SAMUEL 10:1-5

10 And it came to pass after this, that the King of the children of Ammon died, and Hanun his son reigned in his stead. 2 Then said David, I will shew kindness unto Hanun the son of Nahash, as his father shewed kindness unto me. And David sent to comfort him by the hand of his servants for his father. And David's servants came into the land of the children of Ammon. 3 And the princes of the children of Ammon said unto Hanun their lord, Thinkest thou that David doth honour thy father, that he hath sent comforters unto thee? hath not David rather sent his servants unto thee, to search the city, and to spy it out, and to overthrow it? **4 Wherefore Hanun took David's servants, and shaved off the one half of their beards, and cut off their garments in the middle, even to their buttocks, and sent them away. 5 When they told it unto David, he sent to meet them, because the men were greatly ashamed: and the King said, Tarry at Jericho until your beards be grown, and then return.**

Why were David and his men keeping their beards? They were doing so per **Leviticus 19:27**. Hanun thought he could humiliate them by shaving off their beard. Can you see David kept a beard and encouraged his servants to do so? How do we know that? Watch verse 5: "and the King said, Tarry at Jericho until your beards be grown, and then return." Can you see David telling them to wait until their beard is grown? David leads by example, so keeping a beard is not a sin.

People often run to the writings of Apostle Paul to twist his writings to find cover for not keeping the commandments. We have written extensively to illustrate precept upon precept what law is nailed to the cross. Read our article on [Is The Law Done Away With?](#)

FURTHER PASSAGES: AS IT IS WRITTEN, BE YE HOLY IN ALL MANNER OF CONVERSATION

The Most High God never leaves people in the dark regarding how they are to be holy. Each time He states, "Ye Must be holy for I am holy", he outlines how to be holy without ambiguity. Holiness is all about doing what the Most High God stipulates—nothing less and nothing more. Be holy in all manner of conversation (way of life—**1 Peter 1:15-17**). Let us see more examples:

EXODUS 22:31: "And ye shall be holy men unto me: neither shall ye eat any flesh that is torn of beasts in the field; ye shall cast it to the dogs."

EXODUS 31:14 "Ye shall keep the Sabbath therefore; **for it is holy unto you: every one that defileth it shall surely be put to death:** for whosoever doeth any work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people."

LEVITICUS 11:44-45: "44 For I am the Lord your God: **ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and ye shall be holy; for I am holy:** neither shall ye defile yourselves with any manner of creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. 45 For I am the Lord that bringeth you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: **ye shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.**"

LEVITICUS 20:7 "Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I am the Lord your God."

LEVITICUS 23:3 "Six days shall work be done: **but the seventh day is the Sabbath of rest, an holy convocation;** ye shall do no work therein: it is the Sabbath of the Lord in all your dwellings."

NUMBERS 15:40 "That ye may remember, and do all my commandments, and be holy unto your God."

DEUTERONOMY 26:19 "And to make thee high above all nations which he hath made, in praise, and in name, and in honour; **and that thou mayest be an holy people unto the Lord thy God, as he hath spoken.**"

Can you see it in the above verses? **YE MUST BE HOLY:** There are always instructions accompanying this command—the set of instructions and commandments that one must obey to be holy. Can you see more of the places Apostle Peter is referring the reader to?

Can you see that the Most High God is consistent? The idea that grace cancelled the laws and commandments of the Most High God is false. If the laws and the prophets are done away with, why would Apostle Peter be referring people to the writings of the law? Why would he? The laws are still in place; the only law that was nailed to the cross is the law of animal sacrifice and associated rituals. Jesus is now our sacrificial lamb—all other sets of laws are still in place and are to be kept. The Most High wants you to repent and change your ways.

ACTS 17:30-31

30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: 31 Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

Suppose after knowing the truth and getting warnings from God, you still want to disobey the Most High God by twisting the Apostles' writings. In that case, the Most God will permissively allow you to follow your path of delusion—not because He wants you to but because you are heady and will heed no instruction. **There is a way which seems right unto a man, But the end thereof are the ways of death (Proverbs 14:12).**

SUMMARY

To be sanctified and holy means to be set apart for something holy and sacred. Sanctification means doing according to **WHAT IS WRITTEN IN THE WORD OF GOD**—not commandments and precepts of men—anything short of this is not sanctification and holiness.

LEVITICUS 19:1-2

And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them, Ye shall be holy: for I the Lord your God am holy.

1 PETER 1:15-17

**"But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;
16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy."**

If one truly wants to live a holy and sanctified life, one would go back to all the places, read what Apostle Peter is referencing, and obey all the commandments—no cherry Picking!