

## The Gospel of Holiness

Part 2

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### Colossians 3:1-17

"You DESTROY those who speak lies; but the Lord abhors the bloodthirsty and the deceitful man." Psalm 5:6

"The Lord examines the righteousness, but the wicked and those who love violence His soul hates." Psalm 11:5

"Do not envy a violent man – or choose any of his ways, for the Lord **DETESTS** a perverse man – but takes the upright into His confidence." Proverbs 3:31-32

"And have you forgotten that word of encouragement that addresses you as sons: 'My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline And do not lose heart when He rebukes you, because the Lord disciplines those He loves, and He punishes everyone He accepts as a son.'" Hebrews 12:5-6

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"People do not DRIFT toward holiness –

Apart from GRACE DRIVEN effort –

People do not gravitate towards godliness, prayer, and obedience toward the Scripture.

They do not gravitate towards faith and delight in the Lord.

Instead – we DRIFT towards **compromise** - and call it **tolerance**.

We DRIFT towards **disobedience** – and call it **freedom**.

We DRIFT towards **superstition** – and call it **faith**.

We slouch towards **prayerlessness** – and delude ourselves into thinking we have escaped legalism.

We slide toward **godlessness** – and convince ourselves that we have been **LIBERATED.**"

D. A. Carson - "For the Love of God"

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### Colossians 3:1-11

1. The pursuit of holiness...uses the weapons of GRACE.

"But now in Christ Jesus YOU – who once were far away – have been brought NEAR – through the blood of Christ." Ephesians 2:13

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in **righteousness**, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." 2 Timothy 3:16-17

2. The pursuit of holiness...attacks the ROOT.

3. The pursuit of holiness...doesn't just forsake sin – it's DEAD to it.

*"What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?" Romans 6:1-2*

4. The pursuit of holiness...is VIOLENT.

*"Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it's full-grown, gives birth to death." James 1:15*