

## CCC Message Notes

### *Be Holy*

The Call to Be Different In Christ In Order to Make a Difference for God for Good

"Songs that Celebrate the King & the Kingdom" Summer 2017 series - part 9

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#### **THEME** / (The Sermon In a Sentence or Two)

Being holy is something God intends us to be.

#### **APPLICATION** / (What to Do with What You Hear)

Make holiness your discipline & desire / your passion & plan.

#### **FOCUS** / (The Core of the Content to Get Us Started)

I got an email this week with a subject line that read, "Standing at the Gates of Hell Redirecting Traffic." That's not just a captivating subject line, it's a great reminder to each one of us of what's really at stake here concerning God's call to us to make a difference for God for good while there's still time to do so.

This morning's message is launched by a song that I don't think ever even made it to the radio when the CD was released back in the 90's. But oh that its message would make it not just to the radio but to the hearts of those who would hear it. Like us. Here. Today. For real. For sure.

The call to be holy is still in place today. God has not reneged on it or anything else He's said. You & I must passionately embrace those He's calling us to reach. That won't happen unless & until we've truly surrendered to His call to be different no matter what the cost may be.

With you I want nothing less than to be ignited with a love that will not allow us to be indifferent to the people who are the world He came to save.

### **Holiness Is Important Because ...**

#### 1. GOD CALLS & COMMANDS us to BE HOLY.

There really is no greater love. There really is no other way to be clean.

2 Corinthians 7:1 / Hebrews 12:14a & 1 Peter 1:13-15 / Romans 1:4 & Ephesians 1:4

#### 2. WITHOUT it NO ONE will SEE GOD.

The only way to see Him is to be holy. It includes a purity of heart being holy brings.

Hebrews 12:14b / Matthew 5:8

#### 3. it GREATLY INCREASES our INFLUENCE in the WORLD which is LOST in DARKNESS & SIN.

The best way to really make a difference is to first be really different.

2 Timothy 2:20-26

#### **Making It Real Questions**

\* Are you convinced this isn't just a suggestion but actually a command?

\* Can you see that seeing God will not happen without it?

\* Will you enthusiastically embrace this for the sake of those who still need Him?

#### **Action Step**

Ask God to see the evidence or lack thereof of holiness in your life.

Share whatever discrepancies there may be with a trusted friend who'll pray for you.