

INTRODUCTION.

- A. I invite you back tonight, as we always do, because tonight we will talk about the coming of Christ and the millennium.
- B. We sing "Take Time to be Holy" and "Holy, Holy, Holy" but do we really understand the Biblical context of what it means to be "holy".
- C. There are three different words in the Greek text that are translated "holy", today let us take a close look at all three.
- D. If you have your Bibles with you please turn to 1Timothy 2:8.

I. TO BE HOLY MEANS TO BE KIND AND GRACIOUS.

- A. The Greek word used here is '*hosios*'.
- B. Paul is telling Timothy that in the assembly men should pray with a kind and gracious spirit, not one of wrath and dissension.
- C. Elders should be kind and gracious according to Titus 1:8.
- D. Kind and gracious is a description of Jesus as our high priest (Heb. 7 :26).
- E. Perfect as Jesus was, He knew what it mean to be holy (Rev. 15:4).

II. TO BE HOLY MEANS TO BE PRIESTLY.

- A. By 'priestly' I mean one who performs religious duties.
- B. Paul tells us that those who perform holy duties have the right to live off of those works (1Cor. 9:13).
- C. The OT duties of the Levities are as follows:
 - 1. To keep guard around the tabernacle.
 - 2. and around the temple.
 - 3. To be sure that the temple was cleansed.
 - 4. To prepare supplies for the sanctuary.
 - 5. The care of the revenues.See Num. 3:1-33; 4:1,30,35,42; 7:5-22; 1Chr. 23:3-5,24,27; 24:20-31.
- D. The same is true today; when we do works whether they be physical or spiritual in nature, if they promote the cause of Christ then they are holy works and God is pleased.
- E. Every Christian is a priest (1Pet. 2:5), and therefore we must have the works of a priest to enter heaven.

III. TO BE HOLY MEANS TO BE SEPARATE AND APART.

- A. Paul warned the church at Rome to live a life that is separate and apart (Rom. 12:1,2).
- B. The renewing of the mind says that your life will try to show the good, acceptable, and perfect will of God.
- C. People at the Fair came through the Exhibit and in effect were trying to live a holy life but doing it apart from the Bible. CAN'T BE DONE!
- D. The Bible is the standard by which a holy life is measured.
- E. From the beginning God wanted us to be holy (Eph. 1:4).
- F. Jesus wants a church that is holy (Eph. 5:27).
- G. One cannot remain holy and still be in darkness (1Pet. 2:9).
- H. Finally we are to be holy because Christ was holy (1Pet. 1:14-16).

INVITATION AND CONCLUSION.

- A. Being holy involves three things:
 - 1. Being kind and gracious.

2. Doing priestly acts and deeds.
 3. Being separate and apart from the world.
- B. If you are not separate and apart from the world then you are not holy. You need to become a Christian, and be holy.
- C. Come in faith, repentance, confession and baptism and you can be holy before God.
- D. If have done those things but have wandered away, you need to be holy too. Come in repentance, and prayer and you can be holy before God.
- D. Come now if you have need to be holy, as we stand and sing the song selected.