**SERMON** Eph 4:17-5:10 Discipleship and Personal Growth in Holiness 5-6 -2018

1. Christians are **called** to holiness. “Be holy”. **1 Pet 1:15** *the One who called you, is holy, so you also must* ***be holy*** *in all your conduct.*

2. God has **supplied** **everything** we need for holiness. **2 Peter 1:3** *His divine power has* ***given us everything we need*** *for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. (NIV)*

**1. God has given us Instruction in for holiness.**

**Romans 15:4**…. *What was written… was written for our* ***instruction****….*

**2 Tim 3:16** *All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for* ***teaching****, for reproof, for* ***correction****, and for* ***training*** *in righteousness.*

**2. God has given us numerous motivations for holiness.**

a. Motivated by Promises

 2 COR 6:16-7:1; Matt 5:8; EPH 6:3; **PS 84:11**

b. Motivated by Warnings

ACTS 27:22, 31

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| 4:17 | Sensuality | Greedy | Impurity |
| 5:3 | Sexual immorality | Covetousness | Impurity |
| 5:5 | Sexually immoral | Covetous | Impure |

c. Motivated by fellowship with Jesus.

d. Motivated by having a clear conscience.

**3. God has given grace for holiness.**

**1 Cor 15:10**

**Titus 2:11**

For the grace of God has appeared…. **training** us ….

(STOP) to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and

(START) to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age.

APPLICATION:

1. As a disciple of Jesus, am I growing?
2. Am I different than I was a year ago?
3. Is my life being more and more formed around Jesus ?
4. Do I have a growing awareness of some sin in my life and want to deal with it – STOP/ START.
5. Is there a growing realization – this is a big part of discipleship – growing in holiness as a disciple?