

# Holiness

**Holiness** is our theme for the summer session ; it is an excursion that is designed to humble, refine, and delight us. Every author, be it prophet or apostle, that considers this subject is drawn with acute fascination for the Holy but with a parallel sense that they are walking on sacred ground and must of necessity shed their shoes and bow low to the ground from which they were formed (Exodus 3:3-5) ; by the grace of God we are called saints i.e. ‘holy ones’ and implored to conduct our lives accordingly :

“But as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, ‘You shall be holy, for I am holy’ ” (1<sup>ST</sup> Peter 1:15-16)

Let us shed our shoes at the door as we seek to explore the following topics on holiness :

- 1) Holiness Defined : The intrinsic and shared holiness of God
- 2) The Soil of Holiness : The fear of God
- 3) The Motive for Holiness : The mercies of God
- 4) The Agent of Holiness : The Holy Spirit
- 5) The DNA (code) of Holiness : The Word of God
- 6) The Extent of Holiness : Spirit, Soul, and Body
- 7) The Goal of Holiness : Dwelling with God
- 8) The Model of Holiness : Jesus Christ
- 9) The Discipline of Holiness : God’s gymnasium
- 10) The Vocations of Holiness

For those who are interested we will be making available the various references to holiness (and the related word groups e.g. sanctification ) found in the New Testament. We will certainly draw upon Old Testament references and stories but will restrict most of our study to New Testament occurrences.