

## Zion Christian Assembly Berean Hour

Lesson Four- April 2013

The Holiness of Christ

II Corinthians 5:21

“God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.” New International Version

“How? you ask. In Christ. God put the wrong on him who never did anything wrong, so we could be put right with God.” The Message

- I. The holiness of Christ is necessary for us to be firmly grounded in our security in Christ.
  - A. Jesus lived a sinless life
    - a. Isaiah 53:11
    - b. Psalm 45:7
    - c. Hebrews 4:15
    - d. I Peter 2:22
    - e. I John 3:5
  - B. Jesus conformed to the will of God
    - a. John 6:38
    - b. John 4:34
    - c. John 8:29
    - d. Not only in his actions but also His attitudes and motives
      - i. Holiness has to do with more than actions
        1. Motives must be holy, deriving from a desire to do something because it is the will of God
        2. Thoughts must be holy
  - C. The Holy Spirit makes us aware of our lack of holiness to stimulate us to deeper yearning to strive for holiness.
- II. The life of Christ is meant to be an example of holiness for us
  - A. I Peter 12:21
  - B. Ephesians 5:1
  - C. I Corinthians 11:1
- III. W.W.J.D
  - A. Scrutinize of our lives, actions, motives to ensure conformity to His will
  - B. John Brown, “Holiness does not consist in mystic speculation, enthusiastic fervors, or uncommanded austerities [rigors]; it consist in thinking as God thinks, and will as God wills”
  - C. We must learn to follow the examples of Christ

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