



Session 09
God's Holiness

INSTRUCTOR



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Goals

This 14-session course will focus at the Definition of “Christian Spirituality”; a gospel-driven Spirituality; Christ – the goal of our spirituality; the role of the Holy Spirit in our spiritual formation; 4 aspects of God the Father that are cornerstones in spiritual formation: sovereignty, holiness, love, pleasures of God.

Sessions Overview

1. Foundations
2. Christ as the Foundation
3. The Holy Spirit-Introduction
4. The Holy Spirit and New Birth
5. The Holy Spirit and Control of Body
6. The Holy Spirit and Impressions
7. The Holy Spirit and Help
8. God's Sovereignty
- 9. God' Holiness**
10. God's Love
11. Character Development
12. God's Pleasures
13. Gospel Driven-Part 1
14. Gospel Driven-Part 2

Session Summary

Christian spiritual formation requires self-examination and God-examination. In this session, we look at the Holiness of God in the scriptures, and how God instructs us to become “holy because He is holy” (1 Peter 1:16).

Fill in the Blanks

1. What longing does Dr. Beck say every person has, that the Holiness of God fulfills?

2. What does 1 Peter [1:15-16](#) and 1 Peter 2:9 mean to you?

3. What comes to mind when you hear the holiness of God? What does holiness mean?

4. What does it mean to be holy as God is holy?

5. What does Colossians 3:1-3 say about God's holiness and our position in Christ? How does this impact our spiritual formation?

6. Describe what it means to be sanctified, referring to Romans 8:29 and 1 Thessalonians 4:3?

7. In your own words, what does the process of sanctification look like in our daily lives?

8. Share an example from your own life where you practiced obedience.
