

# WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A CHRISTIAN

## **1 Peter 1:14-17 (NASB)**

<sup>14</sup> As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts *which were yours* in your ignorance,

<sup>15</sup> but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior;

<sup>16</sup> because it is written, "YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY."

<sup>17</sup> If you address as Father the One who impartially judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves in fear during the time of your stay *on earth*;

## **1 Peter 1:15** be holy yourselves.

from **hagos** (an *awful* thing) [compare <G53> (hagnos), <H2282> (chag)]; *sacred* (physical *pure*, moral *blameless* or *religious*, ceremony *consecrated*) :- (most) holy (one, thing), saint.

## **Hagios** (Holy)

**Phonetic Pronunciation:** hag'-ee-os

**Root:** from **hagos** (an awful thing) [cf <G53>],

**(Hagnos)** (*clean, innocent, modest, perfect* :- chaste, clean, pure)

Holiness essentially defines the Christian's new nature and conduct in contrast with his pre-salvation lifestyle. The reason for practicing a holy manner of living is that Christians are associated with the holy God and must treat Him and His Word with respect and reverence. We, therefore, glorify Him best by being like Him (see [vv. 16-17](#); [Matthew 5:48](#); [Ephesians 5:1](#); cf. [Leviticus 11:44-45](#); [Leviticus 18:30](#); [Leviticus 19:2](#); [Leviticus 20:7](#); [Leviticus 21:6-8](#)).

## **Matthew 5:48 (NASB)**

<sup>48</sup> "Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

## **Ephesians 5:1 (NASB)**

<sup>1</sup> "Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children;

## **Leviticus 11:44-45 (NASB)**

<sup>44</sup> "For I am the LORD your God. Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am holy. And you shall not make yourselves unclean with any of the swarming things that swarm on the earth."

<sup>45</sup> "For I am the LORD who brought you up from the land of Egypt to be your God; thus you shall be holy, for I am holy."

## **Leviticus 18:30 (NASB)**

<sup>30</sup> "Thus you are to keep My charge, that you do not practice any of the abominable customs which have been practiced before you, so as not to defile yourselves with them; I am the LORD your God."

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### **Leviticus 19:2 (NASB)**

<sup>2</sup>“Speak to all the congregation of the sons of Israel and say to them, 'You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.’”

### **Leviticus 20:7 (NASB)**

<sup>7</sup>“You shall consecrate yourselves therefore and be holy, for I am the LORD your God.”

### **Leviticus 21:6-8 (NASB)**

<sup>6</sup>“They shall be holy to their God and not profane the name of their God, for they present the offerings by fire to the LORD, the food of their God; so they shall be holy.”

<sup>7</sup>“They shall not take a woman who is profaned by harlotry, nor shall they take a woman divorced from her husband; for he is holy to his God.”

<sup>8</sup>“You shall consecrate him, therefore, for he offers the food of your God; he shall be holy to you; for I the LORD, who sanctifies you, am holy.”