

Practical Holiness



Classroom Hours: 24 (minimum)

Description/Overview:

Holiness is so vital that the Bible states no man will see the Lord without it. (Hebrews 12:14) This course centers on the essential quality of Holiness clearly emphasizing its importance, creatively exploring its origin, and concisely explaining holiness practices – both inward and outward.

Objectives:

At the end of this course students will be able to:

- 1.) Define holiness as one of the essential and absolute attributes of God's divine nature.
- 2.) Establish the Biblical perspective of holiness.
- 3.) Recognize the spiritual significance of hair.
- 4.) Differentiate between equal rights and equivalent roles for men and women.
- 5.) Explain why the Bible has more external standards for women than for men.
- 6.) Outline the significance of clothing in Scripture.
- 7.) List the principles of Christian apparel.
- 8.) Recite the two clear and concise New Testament Scriptures dealing with adornment.

Topics / Concepts:

- The trend in current church growth theory that we must change our doctrine to match an ever changing world and why this is false ideology.
- The various types of sanctification: positional, experiential, and eternal.
- The issue of what happens to a believer who rejects external standards of holiness.
- The Biblical and cultural background surrounding the topic of uncut hair.
- The idea that women today need to wear a veil as a hair covering and why the church does not support it.
- The Apostate spirit of the last days, what it is, and why it will reject holiness teaching.
- Dress and appearance as an important indicator of Christian character.
- The concept of apparel and its importance throughout the Scriptures.
- Gender distinction in the Old and New Testaments.
- The theological reasons for modest adornment according to Paul and the practical reasons for modest adornment according to Peter.

Recommended Primary Textbook(s):

Because We Are His: Biblical Studies in Practical Holiness – Raymond Woodward

Recommended Alternatives:

Disciples with Distinction – Raymond Woodward

In Search of Holiness – David K. Bernard and Loretta A. Bernard

Practical Holiness: A Second Look – David K. Bernard

Overview of Lessons available in the Recommended Primary Textbook:

- 1.) Holiness Principles
- 2.) The Hair Question
- 3.) The Apparel Question
- 4.) The Adornment Question

Languages Available:

Course Packet Resources:

Comments:

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