Resolved To Be Holy

Proclamation Life Groups; Week of Sunday, January 28th, 2018; Steve Thiel

Sermon Theme: The Lord declares to the people of God, "You shall be holy for I am holy." In order for believers to have lives marked by holiness, they must better understand the holiness of God, the sinfulness of man, and the amazing grace of God to atone for our sins and call us to be ambassadors for His glory.

I. The Holiness of God – Read Isaiah 6:1-4 and answer the following questions.

- A. What do you think is the significance of the time marker (v.1) "the year that King Uzziah died"?
- B. As you think about the picture given here, what adjectives would you use to describe God?
- C. What stands out to you regarding the seraphim's description, their repeated song, "*Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!*" and the shaking of the temple?
- D. How does your concept of heaven compare with what has been taught in Isaiah 6:1-4?
- E. Each of us faces the certainty of entering into the presence of God at our death. As you contemplate that reality, do you do so with a sense of fear or anticipation? Why?

II. The Sinfulness of Man – Read Isaiah 6:5-8 and answer the following questions.

- A. What was Isaiah's response to being in the presence of a holy God? How is this consistent with other people in the bible? Can you list people who have had a similar experience?
- B. According to the bible, the consistent response to holiness of God is traumatic. Why do you think most people expect encounters with God to be profoundly pleasant rather than traumatic?
- C. What affect did the burning coal have on Isaiah when it touched his mouth? In what ways does this event point us forward to the Lord Jesus Christ and His finished work on the cross?
- D. What is the result in Isaiah's life after experiencing forgiveness and the atoning work of God?

III. The Resolve To Be Holy – Read 1 Peter 1:13-16 and answer the following questions.

- A. According to 1 Peter 1:13-16, what is our motivation to be holy?
- B. What are some practical things that you can do on a daily basis to continue to grow in holiness?
- C. Why is it so critical that we continue to put sin to death and walk in righteousness? How is this a clear demonstration of our love for God? How would you like to grow in this process?