

## How does the Holiness of God Impact Us?

When we realize how holy God is, we start to see ourselves through that holiness. The standard of all morality is God's absolute, perfect, pure holiness. And for us to have fellowship with our holy God, we must have holiness. That's why Jesus Christ had to come into the world—to bridge the gap because we could never be holy enough to know God. The profound disconnect between God and humanity can only be understood when we see that the cross reflects God's holiness. Christ came from the throne of God as God's sinless Son. Jesus lived a perfect, sinless life and went to the cross to take on Himself all the sins of the world. He sacrificed His life so that the penalty of sin could be paid once and for all. When God the Father looked down from heaven at His Son carrying the sins of the entire world—past, present, and future—the Bible says God turned His back because He could not bear to see the sinful iniquity of all mankind reflected in His Son. **Matthew 27:46:** “*... Jesus cried out in a loud voice, Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?*”

(which means “*My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*”). But God didn't answer because His holiness is so great that He could not look upon His Son, even though He Himself is not sinful, but because He bears all the sins of the world. The cross of Jesus Christ is a powerful symbol of God's holiness. At the moment Jesus paid the penalty for our sins, something extraordinary occurred. When Jesus came down from the cross, God poured out His holiness, offering it to everyone who believes in Jesus and receives Him as their personal Savior. As Christians, we have the holiness of Jesus. When God the Father looks at us, though we are sinful, He doesn't see us; instead, He sees the righteousness and holiness of the blessed Savior who paid the penalty for our sins on the cross of Calvary. So, when we approach God, our Heavenly Father, in prayer, how should we pray? We pray in Jesus' name. That is our entry into God's holy presence. According to the Bible, God's holiness is beautiful, and we are called to worship Him in the splendor of His holiness. Let's remember what worship truly is. It's not about the sermon, the music, or singing. It's about Almighty God. We worship God in the beauty of His holiness, and we develop habits of holiness in our own lives. It is God's will that we be holy, and the Bible states that God created us and called us for this purpose. We have been chosen to be holy, **Ephesians 1:4:** “*For He chose us in Him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight.*” So here is a question some of us need to consider: Is there anything stopping you from accepting Him as your Savior? He wants all of us to go to heaven. God loves you and me, and He's done everything possible to make heaven accessible to everyone. However, each person must make the choice. If you have never trusted Jesus Christ, the question is: why not? And what is holding you back from placing Jesus Christ where He belongs in your life? Receive Him as your Lord and Savior and embrace His holiness.