

## Holiness

- Opening Scripture: Hebrews 12:14
  - we see that holiness is a requirement to make it to heaven
  - what is holiness?
  - Greek: the state of purity; sanctification
  - holy (dictionary)- dedicated/devoted to the service of God, the church, or religion; saintly; godly; pious; devout; having a spiritually pure quality
- What are some areas of our lives that must be holy?
  - I Peter 1:15-16→ our “conversation” (behavior)
  - I Peter 3:3-5→ our dress (excessive ornamentation)→ God is concerned with the way we dress (men too)
  - II Corinthians 10:5, Philippians 4:8→ our thoughts
- II Corinthians 7:1: How do we “perfect holiness?” What does this mean?
  - perfecting- to fulfill further (completely); to finish
  - this scripture implies that there is a base level of holiness required initially to make it to heaven (opening scripture), but holiness is still “perfected” after the initial salvation
  - God requires us to live up to all that we know from the outset; we are to always live holy
  - as our knowledge increases, we are to measure up to it (as we learn better, we do better)