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HOW THEY ENTERED CANAAN  
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"Holiness" is the state or quality of being "holy." To be "holy" obviously means the opposite of being "unholy." That which is unholy is evil, corrupt, unrighteous, unclean, contaminated, and sinful. To be "holy" means. to be free from such states; it means to be pure. "Holiness means pureness or purity."

Sanctification means "to make pure or holy." It is the act of God by which holiness becomes the result. Thus a sanctified person is a "holy" person. These terms all refer to holiness of heart, not perfectness of intellect or body.

In the light of the above I believe in and teach holiness because:

1. Holiness is clearly taught in the Holy Bible.
2. A holy God demands it.
3. Holiness is a demand of the ethical character of God.
4. Philosophically, holiness is the highest good.
5. Psychologically, holiness is the only ground for a completely integrated personality.
6. Ethically, holiness is the only sound basis and possible guarantee of right relationships.
7. Sociologically, holiness of heart is the driving power to make society clean and bring the full gospel to others.
8. Historically, it has been those who were holy or were striving for holiness who have been the spiritual revivalists.

9. Holiness is the only corrective for a sinful heart.

10. Holiness causes strife to cease within one's being and thus enables one to give himself completely to the building of the Kingdom.

11. Holiness is power. Weakness is the result of sinful termites in the soul. One has said, "I have the strength of ten because my heart is pure.

12. Holiness is the sum total of all the virtues.

13. The Church of the Nazarene, of which I am a member, teaches holiness as its cardinal doctrine.

14. My father and mother believed in holiness, experienced the glorious experience of entire sanctification, and lived holy lives.

15. Finally, and possibly the strongest argument as to why I believe in holiness -- certainly the most important reason to me -- is the fact that when a college student I received the blessing of entire sanctification; the Holy Spirit came to my waiting soul, purifying my heart.

For the above reasons I believe in and teach holiness.

Holiness is theologically sound; theoretically reasonable; philosophically the highest good; psychologically desirable; ethically imperative; sociologically necessary; Biblically commanded; practically satisfying; and experientially, gloriously possible.

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