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Ephesians 1-3 : Theological Considerations
Ephesians 4-6: Practical Considerations

Ephesians 4:17-5:2

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Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.

Ephesians 1:4-5 (NLT)

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9

[Grace] is treating a person without the slightest reference to what they deserve at all, but solely according to the infinite goodness and sovereign purpose of God.

C. Samuel Storms

Justification : We are saved by God's grace (PAST)

Glorification: We will be made perfect by God's grace (FUTURE)

Sanctification: We grow to be more like Jesus (PRESENT)

Grace does not first rescue us from the penalty of our sins, furnish us with some new spiritual abilities, and then leave us on our own to grow in spiritual maturity.

Rather, as Paul said “*He who began a good work in you [by His grace] will [also by His grace] carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.*”

Jerry Bridges

So why bother trying to be holy at all?

**Why pursue
Holiness?**

Because you were
designed for it.

You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

Ephesians 4:22-24

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Why pursue Holiness?

Because you are a part
of God's family now.

Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body.

Ephesians 4:25

He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need.

Ephesians 4:28

Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Ephesians 4:31-32

Why pursue Holiness?

As a response to
God's love for you.

Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:1-2

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We love because he first loved us.

1 John 4:19

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