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## THE CALL TO PURSUE **HOLINESS & PURITY**

(Part 1)

One call from heaven for this year 2006, is for the Church of Jesus Christ is to pursue holiness. The other is to reach out for the harvest. Here we will deal with the first call - to pursue holiness!

"But as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, 'Be holy, for I am holy" (1 Peter 1:15, 16)

Our enemy Satan, has deceived us to think that holiness is being perfect, and not making mistakes and that we cannot be holy like God, this is not true. When the Holy Spirit revealed this new revelation of the truth about holiness, joy flooded my soul.

### I. THE TRUTH ABOUT HOLINESS.

The true meaning of holiness is to be set apart. The word holy in the Hebrew is qadosh (kah-dosh) which means, to be set apart, dedicated to sacred purposes, clean, morally or ceremonially pure. It means to set apart someone or something for holy purposes. True holiness is separation from everything profane and defiling, and at the same time, dedicated to everything holy and pure. People and vessels in the tabernacle were anointed and set apart as holy to the Lord, only to be used for work in the tabernacle. (Ex. 30:25)

In Lev. 10:10-11, God required the priests to distinguish between the holy and unholy, and between clean and unclean and to teach it to the children of Israel as a statute. God is holy and He is calling us to be holy as He is. God is separated from everything defiling and unclean and set apart for everything holy and pure.

All the angelic hosts, the elders worship God our Father and cry holy, holy, holy. (Rev 4:3-11). When John and Isaiah saw Him on His throne, what stood out of other things was His holiness. (Rev. 4:8, Isaiah 6:1-4) He doesn't have holiness, He is holy Himself. He is pure light and no trace of any darkness in Him. Light dispels darkness, but darkness cannot dispel light.

God desires that we pursue holiness. "Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord". Hebrews 12:14. We are asked to pursue it, because holiness is a process and happens gradually as we cooperate with the Holy Spirit who lives in us and with us. It doesn't automatically happen and needs effort on our part. And as we let go off things that are profane and unclean and go after the things that are holy and clean, we are pursuing holiness.

Holiness is not living a boring life of legalistic rules which will lead us into bondage. Like not wearing make up or

P. O. Box 117, Nugegoda 10250, Sri Lanka. Tel: 00-94-11-2605141, email: gehcc@yahoo.com Website: www.freewebs.com/erroleardly jewellery, or wearing colourless clothing from our neck to feet, neither divorcing our mate to serve God. It is just doing what God wants in our relationships, what we listen, watch, talk about, think about and so on, so we can touch lives for Jesus.

God wants us to keep or guard our heart with all diligence for out of it springs the issues of life. Proverbs 4: 23-24 declares, "Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it springs the issues of life. Put away from you a deceitful mouth, and put perverse lips far from you".

It means if we are convicted by the Holy Spirit that what we are going to do is wrong, we need to change and not do it, even if all the others around us are doing it and seem to be getting by with it. We may seem to get by with it but ultimately we will reap what we sow.

#### II. PURITY.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." Matthew 5:8. The secondary meaning for holy is being pure, morally and ceremonially.

God will never ask us to pursue something we can't receive from Him, neither does He ask us to display anything that He has not given us. When we are born again, each of us receives the divine seed of God's nature into our lives (1 John 3:9). The sinful nature is removed from us, so that we don't sin willfully, because we have received His divine nature into our lives, including holiness and purity. We can and will make a few mistakes from which we learn to evercome and avoid

sin. But His divine nature will begin to increase and manifest for others to see, as we grow in Him.

Just as the ground became holy when God appeared to Moses in the burning bush in the desert, our hearts become holy when God comes into our hearts. This is one of the glorious things about our salvation including everlasting life.

We need then to cooperate with the Holy Spirit and obediently follow His instructions. The best way I have discovered is to spend time reading the Word of God daily in our prayer time. One sermon on Sunday is not sufficient for us to manifest holiness in our lives. Our minds must be renewed by the Word of God on a daily basis. "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God". Romans 12:1, 2

Only God's holy scriptures can change and wash away our wrong thinking making us holy. "That He might sanctify and washing water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious Church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish". Ephesians 5:26, 27

Jesus is coming for a glorious Church without spot or wrinkle but holy and without blemish. It is only the Word of God we read and hear that will wash us and make us holy and without blemish so we can prepare for the coming of our precious Lord. So let us take quality time to sow spiritual things into our lives and stop sowing to our flesh. This is the secret to living in holiness and purity. "For he who sows to his flesh (lower nature, sensuality), will from the flesh reap decay and ruin and destruction, but he who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap everlasting life". Galatians 6:8 (amp)

If we want to be spiritually healthy, I encourage you to examine yourself regularly. Ask what I am allowing into my life through Music, TV, and Internet? What kind of people am I associating with most of the time? In what areas am I compromising?

# III. GOD WANTS US COMPLETELY FOR HIMSELF.

Holiness is the key to the greatest promise of God - the ability to behold Him and have intimacy with Him. Without holiness no one will see the Lord. (Hebrews 12:14) "And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said; I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people." 2 Corinthians 6:16. Here we see God's yearning to come and live with us and walk among us. His desire is for intimacy and a close relationship with us.

But we have to keep the conditions to receive the promise. It is given in the next verse. "Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you, and you shall be My

sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." 2 Corinthians 6:17

(To be continued next month....)

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### **February Meetings**

- Monthly Miracle Service
  Ratmalana Feb 4<sup>th</sup> (10 am)
- ➤ Sunday Evening Miracle Services
  Dehiwala –
  Feb 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup>. (6 pm)
- ➤ All night prayer meetings Feb 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>.

Please pray for these meetings!

## Testimonies!

I wish to thank God for what He has done in my life through Pastor Errol. Many years ago, I had difficulty in breathing, loss of memory, tightening of hands and high blood pressure. A friend of mine brought me to your Sunday service and God healed me completely.

Then I had problems with my husband and he was trying to kill me. I left home and stayed with my mother, and then I had depression. Again I came for your Sunday services and God healed and delivered me.

Although I was attending another Church, Pastor Errol would always be available to pray over the phone or when we liked to receive personal counsel and prayer. Many prayers were answered and miracles done by God which there will not be enough room to mention. But I wish to give glory and thanks to my God and mention a few.

Two years ago I was working at the community concern centre - a home for abused mothers and children for 6 months as a Matron. Due to overwork and stress and also an 18 year old mother who was demon possessed cursed me. I was so exhausted so much that I could not pray. As a result I was hospitalized and took blood transfusion. When I came back from hospital. I was still depressed and sick. I was still stressed out, had anger, bitterness, and wanted to commit suicide. My stomach was large and hard as a rock. I then came to Pastor Errol for personal prayer and deliverance. He said that because I hadn't prayed that all these had effected me. He began to lead in worship and then I began to vomit and something left my stomach. God revealed to Pastor that demons had come into me through blood transfusion, because the donor had been a criminal. We then repented of all the sins of the donor of the blood. The Holy Spirit revealed all these sins. It was then that I experienced total deliverance. I was surprised that the stomach had totally come down to normal. My stomach was so large I was like an 8 months pregnant mother. Now it was normal. I was totally free. The presence of God filled the place and filled me and joy filled my heart and I then worshipped the Lord for nearly another two hours. I received prophesies and words of wisdom and encouragement through Pastor. He also gave me practical advise on how to be effective in ministry, how to have a strong prayer life and take 8 hours rest each day and a day of rest each week and after a busy ministry schedule. Pastor & his wife shared their lunch with me and had spent nearly 6 hours of their valuable time. I wish to thank God for this Pastor because he never rushes us, but patiently hears us and ministers to us completely, to every need we have, without looking at

the clock. Whenever I leave after prayer, I am totally filled with the Holy Spirit, healed and delivered.

Recently again, I carried two heavy buckets of water and was in bed and couldn't move or walk for two days with a bad spine pain. On the third day I was able to call Pastor Errol and he prayed for me on the phone. God's presence came and touched me and within 20 minutes I was totally healed and was able to walk perfectly without any pain.

During the recent monthly miracle services God does great things and I have received healing whenever I was sick and also received words of encouragement and prophecy, some have been fulfilled and some are to be fulfilled. My husband and children who hated me, now after ten years have changed towards me. The last time I went to see my children, my husband told my children before me that I had done no wrong to him or to them. I prayed for my children and blessed my husband and them.

I praise and thank my God for all He has done for me through Pastor Errol's ministry.

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✓ Personal Ministry & Counseling!

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