

TAKING WORSHIP INTO YOUR WEEK



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Does the word “holy” describe you? Are you sure? You might assume it doesn’t because you’re not perfect. It’s a good thing, then, that “perfect” is not what the word means. Feel free to believe you are “holy” if Jesus Christ is the Lord of your life, and that he was perfect because you’ll never be. When we remember and celebrate everything Jesus has done to make us his disciples, we will respond to him just as the prophet Isaiah did, “Here I am; send me!” On this Trinity Sunday, we’ll call out to a holy God, who will in turn call us “holy.”

1. Read Isaiah 6:1-8. The prevailing reply non-Christians give when they are asked to describe Christians they know is that we are hypocritical, judgmental, and hateful (I know, that hurts). How might an incorrect, unbiblical understanding of what God means when he describes us as “holy” contribute to this view of us?
2. Using your concordance, find three verses in the new testament which feature the word “holy” as it describes us. What does “holy” mean, when that term is applied to us?
3. How do we become holy, according to verses such as those?
4. What is significant, for us disciples, that the location of Isaiah’s encounter with God was the temple? Describe how and when God’s forgiving grace, shown in the cleansing of Isaiah, happens when we are in worship.
5. Look up the word Seraph in your Bible Dictionary or in online resources, like [Wikipedia](#). What does the word mean? How does that tie in with the coal which is touched to Isaiah’s lips? How do we receive that “fire” now (see Luke 24:32)?

Lord God, you have called us to be holy, and we are in your presence to receive holiness as a gift from you. As you did for your prophet Isaiah, prepare our hearts for your holy presence, that we might be declare, “Here I am; send me!” For you live and reign as true God, Three in One, and One in Three: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.