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CHURCH OF CHRIST
MESSENGER
"And this is the commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also." 1 John 4: 21

Sunday – November 22, 2026

Heart to Heart...

We need to re-evaluate our lives in terms of the holiness of God. We need to re-evaluate our assemblies in light of the holiness of God. Peter speaks of our behavior to be tied to the Lord's holiness (I Peter 1:15-16). Our lives should be concerned and conducted in holiness and godliness especially knowing the Lord's return is coming (II Peter 3:11-12). While it is true that God doesn't dwell in "*temples made with hands*" and He is all present and all knowing, we need to take some serious thought of our ties to Him. We know the church is not a building but us, the people. When we speak of the Old Testament, many dismiss a lot of it because they know we aren't bound to that covenant. The result? We fail to see the holiness of God! Where does that leave us today? There is no longer a place that is HOLY! (They had the Holy of Holies and the Most Holy Place in their tabernacle worship.)

Does it concern you about our attitudes that we have made so mundane, so laid back that it has created an unholy attitude within us. We know our buildings and locations we assemble as the Lord's body are not holy. What that has led us to is there is no longer a holy place for God! Someone once told me, "*Ah, but every place is special and it's precisely for that reason that the New Testament will have no regard for the holiness of a special location!"* Are we really that shallow spiritually? Do we not realize who we are and how that should affect our mindset?

Sleeping attire in a bedroom is totally appropriate but pajamas, shorts and holes in jeans in the holy assembly of God's holy people? We need to rethink our approach and relationship to our holy God. We are His holy people, where His Holy Spirit dwells. We are a "*royal priesthood, a holy nation"* and we are called to *"proclaim His excellencies!"* (I Peter 2:9-10) That should stir us to watch our personal lives from what we wear to how we live. When we assemble as His people, we assemble as His holy dwelling and the foremost thing present should be **His holiness**!! We have little understanding at times about His holiness in relationship to us. Too many are becoming laid back that the "contemporary" ideas and consumer friendly atmosphere has over-ridden the God who purchased us, who calls us to Himself is a holy God and His holiness needs to be seen in our approach.

Our worship is to be shown in gratitude and offer to God acceptable worship with reverence and awe (Hebrews 12:28). I'm not speaking of fearful cowering with gloom and doom attitudes. I'm not trying to dictate what a person wears. Simply put, maybe our attitudes are too laid back that we have lost reverence for the Lord. As we, the body gathers this morning, it should make us ever more mindful, more in tune with His holiness and we are His holy people. You help that or distract from that by your approach and attitude. That should lead us to: *"The Lord is in His holy temple, let all the earth keep silent before Him!"* We need to realize there are holy places today and the assembly of the Lord's people is one of the holiest of all because God is there in our midst with us, His people as the holy body of Jesus! Think about it!!!

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