

# Harvest International Ministry

## Teaching Article

# Holy

First I want to say that I have longed to write these teaching articles. Almost daily my mind is praying and considering what the Lord would have me teach next. I know it is the Lord's will for me to write these, so please pray that the time to do this will be open to me. Also I want you to realize how much prayer goes into these articles. I really do pray and think and consider what the Lord would have me write. They're covered in prayer. I ask that you would meditate on the scriptures that the Lord has put on my mind to write and allow the Lord to speak to you in a personal way, not only while reading, but also throughout your days.

Recently while praying and studying the Word the Lord gave me a revelation, a deeper understanding of Christ's holiness. I stopped and listened to what the Lord had for me. As God gave me this revelation my thoughts went to Christ's life while on earth with His disciples. Sinless. Completely sinless. I realized that the disciples had the opportunity to be with The Sinless One 24/7 for 3 years. As I imagined them together with Him I understood in a deeper way what an impact His Holiness alone made on them. Even if the Lord had not performed one miracle, not one sign or wonder, just this alone, His sinless life would transform them. Then I thought about how I would love to be with this precious sinless Jesus as the disciples were. The Lord quickly reminded me that this sinless One was dwelling on the inside of me. Incredible!

Mark 1:2-5 says, "It is written in Isaiah the prophet: I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way—a voice of one calling in the desert, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for Him.' Vs. 3, and so John came, baptizing in the desert region and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 5 The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River." Please notice the words in italics. John came preaching repentance and telling the people to prepare for the Lord. Make your way straight for Him. How did the people respond? It says the whole Judean area AND ALL the people of Jerusalem went to him. What did they do? Confess their sins. I believe we are in the last of the last days. I believe the Lord wants me to prepare myself for the Lord's return. I believe the Lord had me write this because the time is short and those of you reading, along with us, need to repent and turn to the Lord. Let me explain a little more.

Not long ago a friend told me about a revival going on in Mobile, Al. I decided to find out more about this revival. I watched a video of an interview of Nathan Morris, a young man from England, who is one of the key speakers. Several things he said really caught my attention. He said that he loves to be in the presence of the Lord and that he desires holiness in his life. Another pastor said that he has spent hours and hours, at 3 and 4 in the morning, crying out to God in a loud voice saying things like, "I need You God!! I want more of You! I know that You have more for Your people. I'm not satisfied with where I'm at, I've gotta have more!" He wanted revival in his own life, but also for his church and he had

spent hours weeping and talking to the Lord about his desire and his passion for lost souls. This touched my heart deeply because I desire that in my life also and I (we) want to see souls saved and coming into the Kingdom. It gave me a desire to want holiness in my life. I believe God is speaking to us right now about His holiness and that He desires us to be holy as He is holy.

I've wanted to see miracles all my life. I've hungered for it (Matt 5:6). I've studied and read the Scriptures to get an understanding of the miracles that Jesus performed. I want revival and God desires revival for His people, so that we can be ready for His return and so that we can get others ready. When John the Baptist preached there was a revival that occurred. People from ALL over (vs 5) came and confessed their sins, they got right with God. It says in vs 5 the WHOLE Judean countryside came and ALL the people of Jerusalem, that's revival! Matthew 3:2 John says, "repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."

The kingdom of heaven is near again. Revival has begun and I believe the fire of this revival will not be put out. I believe this revival, and the ones occurring in different locations over the world, will spread and continue to spread like wildfire until all the nations have heard and then the Lord will appear in the air (I Thess. 4:16-18). Are you ready? Are you on fire? Do you desire the holiness of God in your life? Are you passionate about seeing souls saved or have you gotten busy with life, or maybe you've felt defeated by the world's sufferings? Repent! Make way for the Lord. Ready yourself and your family. Be committed that the world's losses and the busyness of life are not going to steal your fire and your passion for God and the lost. People are passionate about different things, sports, hobbies, etc, good things, but my passion is for the Lord and the Lord only. I desire holiness. I desire revival.

We pray that you will desire holiness, that you will desire the Lord and His ways. We are praying that nothing in your life will be more important to you than the Living God and that you'll share in His passion for lost souls.

May you be blessed of the Lord! We are praying for you, please pray for us!

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