Sermon Notes January 3, 2021

Holiness Is Not An Option

Text: Hebrews 12.14

Theme: We must pursue holiness as a Christian.

Introduction — Options in life are all around us

But some things are simply not optional

Such a statement leaves us asking some basic questions...

- I. Do I Really Need Holiness?
 - 1. Holiness depends upon Christ's work
 - 1) Active obedience
 - 2) Passive obedience
 - 3) All Christ's work

Do I really need holiness? Yes, because...

- 2. Holiness depends upon my work
 - 1) it's what we're called to
 - 2) take it seriously then
 - 3) in Christ by Spirit this desire grows like a flame

Do I really need holiness? Yes, but it's...

3. Not a condition of salvation but an essential part

Now, let's ask another question...

II. Do I Have A Faith That Works?

So, God's holiness calls us & is required for...

1. Fellowship with God

Holiness is required for...

2. Personal well-being

Holiness calls us to...

3. Effective service

And then, holiness is necessary for your...

4. Assurance of salvation

Conclusion — Is there evidence in your life of this pursuit of holiness?