

Holiness: A Culture or a Lifestyle?

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TEXT: Hebrews 12:14

Four Reasons why we should try to understand people's reactions to Christianity and the church:

**REASON #1: What people think reflects their _____
_____.**

**REASON #2: What people think will _____ how they
_____.**

**REASON #3: People _____ their perceptions just
because we _____ with them.**

**BIG QUESTION: If the Word of God cannot change the _____ ... how
can the _____ expect the Word of God to _____ them?**

REASON #4: _____ people think of Christians and the Church
_____ change.

Hebrews 12:14

14 *Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. (NIV)*

The holiness culture, that many of us have grown up in, had a number of different characteristics:

CHARACTERISTIC #1: _____ and _____.

CHARACTERISTIC #2: _____ on _____.

CHARACTERISTIC #3: _____ on the _____.

CHARACTERISTIC #4: Focus on _____ .

CHARACTERISTIC #5: _____ and _____ .

CHARACTERISTIC #6: _____ and _____ .

CHARACTERISTIC #7: Emphasis on _____, _____, and _____ .

CHARACTERISTIC #8: Results: _____ and _____, or _____ .

The Traits Of A True Holiness Lifestyle:

TRAIT #1: _____ with Christ.

TRAIT #2: _____ on Christ.

TRAIT #3: _____.

TRAIT #4: Focus: The _____.

TRAIT #5: _____ and _____.

TRAIT #6: _____.

TRAIT #7: _____ is on _____.

TRAIT #8: Result: _____ . (As opposed to Guilt,

Shame, Departure)

1 John 2:6

6 *Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did. (NLT)*