

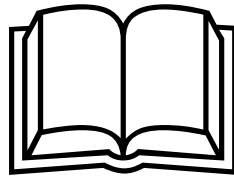
HOLINESS

*Its Nature, Hindrances,
Difficulties, and Roots*

Part I

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Study Guide

Course HO1

“Be ye holy, as I am holy.”

1 Peter 1:16

Instructions for this course

(detailed instructions in Appendix One)

The *reading material* for this course consists of the paperback book provided with this study guide: *Holiness - Part 1*, by J. C. Ryle.

Before each lesson: pray for God to give a teachable heart and understanding.
Begin the lesson by reading the related chapter in the book provided.



Answer the questions for the corresponding lesson in this study guide.
Use the required answer sheet format, putting your name and course information on each sheet (sample after the Table of Contents). Use any standard note paper (or the answer booklets if provided). Try to be as clear and concise as possible. Please do not rush! Meditate on what God wants you to learn. Don't go to the next question until completing the current one.

If, and only if, you are taking the course as correspondence study *(with written feedback from others):*
After completing lessons A to 5, send the completed answer sheets to your course coordinator. Send again when finished with lessons 6 to 10.
Only mail your answer sheets, not other materials.
All sent answers are handled confidentially.
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Continue taking the course until all lessons are completed.
Four months are allotted for course completion. Extensions may be granted upon request.



Your answer sheets are returned to you after review.
Keep all materials and returned answers together for future reference.

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Sample Answer Sheet

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Question Answer

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Please answer the questions below from the information given in the paperback text. Each chapter in the paperback corresponds to a lesson you are doing. For example, the information you need to answer the questions from the first part of *lesson one* in this Study Guide is found in *chapter one* in the paperback. Before you begin the questions, be sure and read the paperback's chapter for the lesson you are taking.

Please read slowly enough so you understand what you read. It is also always good to pray before each lesson, asking the LORD for wisdom to apply what you learn to your life—and to enable you to love Him with all your mind, heart, soul, and strength... for this is the first commandment (Mark 12:30).

Response questions are intended to support a basic understanding of the content of the book. These questions are required as the core part of the study.

Reflection questions go much deeper to ask you to evaluate and integrate the information from the Scriptures with your own views. These questions are important: please make your best effort to answer them, but also realize there are no right or wrong answers. We are looking only for your best effort.

Making It Personal questions bring the biblical principles into practical application. The goal here is change in your own life toward godliness. Again, there are no right or wrong answers; we are looking only for your honesty with yourself in personal commitments.

Very Important Note: We ask you to always use your own words in your answers. The answers to the Response questions are found in the textbook, but please do not merely quote the book for your answer. Rather, read what the text says, think about the meaning of what it says, and summarize its meaning in your own words for your answer. In this way, you will learn much more than simply a “search/find/quote” method for answering the questions.

Lesson A The Holiness of God

First please read the Introduction in the book.

Response

The Need for a Holy Life

1. Why is there a need for a “thorough revival about scriptural holiness?”

The Questions

2. (Q1) Is the holiness of the true Christian by faith only and not at all by works? Explain.
3. (Q2) Explain how the Scriptures influence a holy life. Please include the Scripture reference and *key point* in your answer.

Note: whenever a question asks you to write the Scripture reference and key point, it means not to write out the whole Scripture text. Rather, read the Scripture and seek to understand what it means in context. Then write only the Scripture reference and a paraphrase in your own words of the key point of the meaning of the verse (as it relates to the question). Example:

“Gal. 2:20 – when we are Christ’s, we identify with His death and resurrection, so that we no longer live for ourselves, but instead He lives His new life through us.”

4. (Q3) Does holiness demand “literal perfection?” Please explain.
5. (Q4) Does *Romans* chapter 7 describe the experience of an advanced saint or an unregenerate man?
6. (Q5) How does Christ carry on His work *in* the hearts of His people? Please include Scripture reference and key point.
7. (Q6) What does Scripture teach about gradual growth toward holiness vs. instantaneous consecration?

8. (Q7) Please read Ephesians 6:14-17 and list the pieces of armor that the Christian is instructed to wear in order to effectively participate in battle. (These are the characteristics of the true Christian.)
9. (Q7) How do *justification* and *sanctification* differ?

Reflection

10. Ryle expresses concern about the amazing ignorance of Scripture among many, which indicates a lack of established, solid religion. Take a few moments and apply Ryle's concern to your own life. List three or four ways in which you observe that people are "tossed to and fro and carried about by every wind of doctrine."

Making It Personal

11. Please read the last paragraph of the *Introduction*. Then pray, as you are led, regarding the subject of personal holiness and your dedication to this study. What are your thoughts about your studying this subject? Are you prepared to make Spirit-led changes in your life?

Lesson 1 Sin

First please read chapter 1 in the book.

Response

Knowledge of Sin Is Fundamental

1. What does God do "when He makes anyone a new creature in Christ?" Include Scripture reference and key point.
 - I. *Definition of Sin*
 2. a. As described in the text, what is sin?
 - b. What does "a sin" consist of? Please provide Scripture reference and key point.
 3. Explain the difference between sins of *omission* and sins of *commission*.
- II. *Origin and Source of Sin*
4. Where does the sinfulness of man begin? Provide Scripture references and key points.

III. Extent of Sin

5. Explain the extent of sin, and include the three Scripture references and key points.
6. Explain the existence of sin in the life of the believer. Why does the struggle with sin continue even after one is genuinely converted?

IV. Offensiveness of Sin

7. What comparison does Ryle make between God and man? Include Scripture references and key points.

V. Deceitfulness of Sin

8. a. What is it that men are prone to do in regard to sin?
b. What does this reveal about them?

Practical Applications

9. List the five practical applications for a scriptural view of sin. Give one example of each application.

Remedies

10. What are the four things that Ryle suggests we do, as discussed in the first half of the next-to-last paragraph of the chapter?

Reflection

11. Re-read the section that discusses *humiliation* and *self-abasement*. Take a few minutes to contrast your own life with the foregoing study on sin. Do the words “remorse, reverence, and mercy” find a place in your thoughts? (Spend some time in prayer expressing your convictions to God.)

Making It Personal

12. In the middle of the next-to-last paragraph in this lesson, Ryle commences a discussion with, “Once let us see that sin is far viler...” With your greater understanding, now, of sin, read the remainder of that paragraph and then write out the ways in which you desire to change your thoughts and behaviors as a result of this lesson.

Lesson 2 Sanctification

First please read chapter 2 in the book.

Response

1. According to the Bible, what three things are “absolutely necessary to the salvation” of every Christian?

I. Nature of Sanctification

2. a. List the four aspects of sanctification that the “Lord Jesus Christ works in a man by the Holy Ghost.”
b. Through what instruments does the Holy Spirit effect His work of sanctification?
3. “The Lord Jesus Christ has undertaken everything that His people’s souls require.” List some of the things which Christ has done for His people’s sanctification (mentioned in the paragraph with this beginning).
4. List the first four points regarding the nature of sanctification, along with a brief explanation of each, and one Scripture reference (if provided).
5. Continuing with the discussion on the nature of sanctification, list points five through eight, following the same procedure as set out in question 4 above.
6. Concluding the discussion on the nature of sanctification, list points nine through twelve, following the same procedure as requested in question 4.

II. Visible Evidence of Sanctification

7. What are the five visible marks which are not genuine marks of a sanctified person (items 1 to 5)? Please provide an example for each along with one Scripture reference.
8. What are the five visible marks which are genuine marks of a sanctified person (items 6 to 10)? Please provide one Scripture reference for each.
9. What is the state of the persons “who know nothing of” these visible marks of genuine sanctification in their lives.

III. Distinction between Justification and Sanctification

10. Explain, in your own words, how justification and sanctification are alike.
11. List four or five ways in which justification and sanctification are different.

Practical Application

12. In our own words, explain the six issues of which Ryle commends the Christian to be mindful regarding sanctification.
13. “Holiness is happiness.” Ryle suggests that the person who gets through life most comfortably is the sanctified individual. Do you agree? Please substantiate your position. Include Scripture references and key points.

Reflection

14. In sub-section ten of Ryle’s discussion on the exact *nature of sanctification* (I), he points out a truth for which the believer should be ready to die to maintain: Christ’s work, and not our work, is the believer’s only title to heaven. Contemplate the humbling fact that nothing you have done or will do can accomplish this gift. If you are a believer, as you are led, spend some time in praise and adoration to your beloved Savior, who paid the price for you. Are you willing to give Him all in return?

Making It Personal

15. In sub-section ten of *II. The Visible Evidence of Sanctification*, Ryle says that the “passive graces” have the greatest influence on the world. Prayerfully read that section again, along with the Scriptures provided. Think about your own life, the daily stresses you may face, and the ways in which you respond to challenging people and situations. With these passive graces in mind, is there room for improvement? Make a list of the changes you feel led to make in your life, along with applicable Scriptures, and then review this list every day as a reminder to follow Christ’s example. What have you listed?

Lesson 3 Holiness

First please read chapter 3 in the book.

Response

I. Definition of True Practical Holiness

1. What is holiness not?
2. Please define true practical holiness by writing the listed characteristics, in your own words. Along with each definition, provide one Scripture reference, if included in the text.

Holiness and Sin

3. Does holiness prevent the presence of indwelling sin? Explain.
4. Does holiness come into ripeness and full perfection all at once? Please explain.

II. Why True, Practical Holiness Is So Important

5. Can holiness save us? Please explain your answer and include the Scripture reference.
6. Why is holiness so important? Ryle discusses eight points of consideration. List these in your own words and include one Scripture reference and key point with each.

Practical Applications

(1) Are you holy?

7. Ryle asks, “are you holy?” He quotes Heb. 12:14 again, “Without holiness, no man shall see the Lord.” Then he says, “Surely it is a text that ought to make us...” What are the four things he mentions in that same paragraph, that the fact of this Scripture ought to make us do?

Typical responses to the question

8. Is holiness only for the great saints? Explain using Scripture reference and key point.
9. Is it possible to be holy and, at the same time, be able to fulfill responsibilities in this world? Explain.
10. If a believer is holy, would they be unlike other people? Explain.
11. *Making It Personal:*
 - a. Of all the typical responses to the exhortation to “be holy,” which one is most like your own response in the past? Why?
 - b. “We must be holy, if we would see the Lord.” Do you agree? Why or why not?

(2) “Do you think you feel the importance of holiness as much as you should?”

12. *Making It Personal:* Based on Ryle’s remarks, what is your own personal answer to the question (title) of this section?

III. Advice to All Who Desire to Be Holy

13. a. Where does Ryle suggest you begin if you desire to become holy?
- b. Where does he ask the believer to go?
- c. What does he say is the root, the beginning, and the way to be holy?

Reflection

14. If you are a believer, with your new knowledge about personal holiness before you, ask yourself, “Am I holy?” Spend some quality time thinking about this question and ask the Lord to convict you of areas in which you may be weak or needing correction. Pray for His guidance in confronting these areas in your life, and apply yourself, with a willing heart, to hear His voice, His convictions, and His guidance.

Making It Personal

15. Ryle exhorts the believer to *abide in Christ* in order to be holy. Refer to the next-to-last paragraph of this lesson.
 - a. Write out John 15:4 and 5.
 - b. Ryle reminds the believer that all of their fullness dwells in Christ. List some of the ways Christ meets the believers needs, as set out in this paragraph.

Refer to this Scripture and list of items frequently.

Lesson 4 The Fight

First please read chapter 4 in the book.

Response

There Is a Spiritual Warfare

1. How are the consequences of spiritual warfare so different from earthly warfare?

I. True Christianity Is a Fight

The Christian’s Principal Fight: The Flesh, The World, The Devil

2. Why is it important for the Christian to have victory over the world, the flesh, and the devil?
3. What should the Christian do to keep *his heart* from “going astray?” Include the Scripture reference and key point that explains what Christ’s followers do.
4.
 - a. What are the spiritual foes *in the world* which beset the Christian continually?
 - b. What does the book of *James* say about friendship with the world?
5. What kind of activities does *Satan* use to interfere in the Christian’s life?

The Seriousness of Christian Warfare

6. a. What is the worst mistake to be made “in time of war?”
- b. What explicit instruction does Ephesians 6:11-13 provide? Write out the complete Scripture.
- c. What great lesson is the Christian to learn about true Christianity?

The Importance of Christian Warfare

7. Please list the three necessities regarding fighting, along with a brief statement explaining why each is necessary.
8. Why should having “inward fight and conflict” be a comfort to true believers?

II. True Christianity Is the Fight of Faith

9. How is Christian warfare “utterly unlike the conflicts of this world?”
10. a. What is the “primary foundation of the Christian soldier’s character?” Why? Please include the Scripture reference.
- b. What is the “life, heart, and mainspring of the Christian soldier’s character?” Why? Include Scripture.
- c. What is the “secret of the Christian soldier fighting successfully?” Why? Include Scripture.

Victories of Faithful Christian Soldiers

11. Ryle records four places the Christian can look to for encouragement in battle, where others have won victories before. Where are they?

III. True Christianity Is a Good Fight

12. Why is true Christianity a good fight? Using your own words, please list the seven reasons.

Practical Application

13. Can you effectively maintain the Christian fight, while also “struggling hard for the rewards of this world?” Why?
14. Ryle mentions seven important things for the Christian (“a tried and proven soldier”) to remember in battle. In your own words, what are they?
15. What is Ryle’s closing exhortation to the Christian soldier?

Reflection

16. In your quiet time, call to memory a spiritual battle you recently encountered. Were you dressed in armor, drenched in faith, and armed with Scripture in your heart? Please write about

your experience and how you might handle it differently with your newly acquired insight.

Making It Personal

17. Refer to the section on “The Christian’s Principal Fight: The Flesh, The World, The Devil.” Please read it again. Make a list of re-occurring battles *you* face in each of these areas. Then, refer to the Scripture provided in this section. Write next to each of your battles a Scripture that provides you with personal encouragement. (*Memorize these verses.*)

Lesson 5 The Cost

First please read chapter 5 in the book.

Response

I. What It Costs to Be a True Christian

1. Ryle tells us that it does cost something to be a real Christian, according to the standards of the Bible. He discusses four things that true Christianity will cost a person. List each of these, and describe its meaning in your own words.
2. *Making It Personal:*
 - a. Which of these four is the area which is hardest for you to give up?
 - b. What prevents you from giving it up now?

II. Importance of “Counting the Cost”

3.
 - a. What is the damage that results from neglecting a duty that is commanded by Christ?
 - b. What mistaken perspective have many would-be Christians “flattered themselves all their days” into believing?

Those Who Need to Be Exhorted to “Count the Cost”

4. What is the “great defect” in the people Ryle discusses?
5. Ryle refers to seven different groups of people who are examples of those who did not count the cost. Name the groups and explain what each did.

Practice of Jesus Christ in “Counting the Cost”

6. What was Jesus’ teaching regarding counting the cost, as recorded in Luke 14:25-27. Please write the Scripture verse and reference.

Practice of Eminent Preachers of the Gospel

7. What were the conclusions drawn by the eminent preachers of the gospel regarding counting the cost?

III. How to “Count the Cost”

8. Seven hints are provided to assist one who is sincere in counting the cost of becoming a true Christian. List all seven along with a brief description of each. Include Scripture references and key points, when provided.

Importance of Faith in “Counting the Cost” Rightly

9. a. Discussed in the book are three godly people who, because of their faith, paid the cost. Who were they and what cost did they each pay?
b. What does Ryle tell us about their faith? Include Scripture reference and key point.

Practical Applications

10. a. What kind of religion does Ryle warn against?
b. What is the follower of this kind of religion encouraged to do?
c. Does this describe you?
11. What did it cost God to provide a salvation for your soul, if you are to be His child?
12. To those who have counted the cost, what does Ryle commend them to continue doing? Include with your answer the kinds of challenges encountered by the one who perseveres.

Reflection

13. Reflect, for a while, upon the issue of counting the cost in your own life. Are there circumstances in your life that still belong to the world, that you have been hesitant to surrender to Christ? Are you willing, now, to lay these at the foot of the Cross?

If you are, then please pray about them today, relinquish them to Christ, and fill your heart and faith with Christ and the Scriptures presented in this lesson.

Making It Personal

14. The faith of Noah, of Moses, and of Paul were used as illustrations of counting the cost in this lesson. Using the concordance in your Bible, research two or three other of God’s people. Read about their faith and their experiences in counting the cost.

Who stands out to you personally?

Lesson 6 Growth

First please read chapter 6 in the book.

Response

1. What three things does Ryle wish to establish in this chapter?

I. Reality of Growth in Grace

Definition of “Growing in Grace”

2. a. Describe what Ryle says he does *not* mean when speaking of “growth in grace” in the life of a believer.
- b. What eight points does Ryle use in explaining exactly what he does mean by “growth in grace?”

Ground to Build On

3. What two “grounds” does Ryle establish on which he builds the doctrine of “growth in grace?” Include Scripture references and key points with each.

“Growing in Grace” Gives Evidence

4. What five things is “growing in grace” evidence of?

II. Marks of “Growth in Grace”

5. Six marks of growth in grace are described—outward evidences of progressive inward transformation. Please list all six, along with a *brief* explanation of each point.
6. *Making It Personal:* Which of these “marks” (outward evidences) do not show in your own life? Why?

III. Means of “Growth in Grace”

7. “Many admire growth in grace in others, and wish that they themselves were like them.” Why do these not grow?
8. Ryle discusses five things that are essential to our growth in grace. List and *briefly* explain each one.
9. *Making It Personal:* To what degree are you using these five means for growing? Which one must you give the most additional attention to? *Please give special attention to points a) and b).*

Practical Applications

10. Who does Ryle address in the first application and what does he encourage them to do?
11. Who is addressed in the second application and what are they exhorted to do?

12. To whom is the third application directed, and what points does Ryle discuss?

Closing Considerations

13. In closing, the author lovingly cautions the believer in what three specific areas?
14. The believer is encouraged not to think it strange when dark days occur. Please write out the quote that Ryle asks the believer to say, and please memorize it.

Reflection

15. If you know Christ as your Lord and Savior, reflect upon the ways in which you have increased in humility. Write your findings and include Scripture verses, if you wish. (This is for your own encouragement to continue on, not to think you have ‘arrived!’)

Making It Personal

16. Think about the events that occurred in your Christian walk during the past month. Did you experience any “days of darkness?” If so, will your attitude about these events be different in the future as a result of this lesson? Please explain.

Lesson 7 Assurance

First please read chapter 7 in the book.

Response

1. What are the four areas that will be explored on the subject of assurance.
 1. *Assured Hope Is a True and Scriptural Thing*
2. “My answer to all who deny the existence of real, well-grounded assurance, is simply this—*What saith the Scripture?*” Please list the three Scripture verses that most help you in confirming an “assured hope.” (Write the reference and key phrase from each.)

Response to the Scriptures

3. What are Ryle’s three answers “to all who dislike the doctrine of assurance, as bordering on presumption?”

Paul's Assurance of Hope Built upon Christ

4. Was Paul presumptuous regarding his assurance (i.e., did he have a prideful confidence)? Why do you say so?

II. A Believer May Never Arrive at This Assured Hope

5. Ryle says, "All God's children have faith; not all have assurance." Please list the illustrations from life which are given for those having saving faith but lacking assurance.

The Distinction between Faith and Assurance

6. a. Summarize in your own words: what is the distinction between true saving faith and assurance.
b. "Faith, let us remember, is the _____, and assurance is the _____."
c. Read the *Addendum* in the book at the end of the chapter. What do you learn there to add to your answer in the (a) part of this question?

III. Why an Assured Hope Is Exceedingly to Be Desired

7. a. What is the first point that Ryle presents regarding the reason that assurance is to be desired?
b. Please list the seven ways that "Assurance will..." allow the child of God to be "free from this painful kind of bondage."
8. What are the second, third, and fourth points that confirm the desire for assurance? List each with a brief explanation.

A Low Measure of Faith May Be the Cause of Failures

9. What advice does Ryle have for those who neglect assurance?

III. Why an Assured Hope Is So Seldom Attained

10. Ryle says that many have saving faith, but few have glorious confidence that shines forth. List the three reasons "many believers are without an assured hope," and include a brief explanation of each point, in your own words.

Practical Applications

11. a. What advice is given for non-believers?
b. What are they asked specifically to do?
12. What is the brotherly counsel that is provided for believers? List all the points given.
13. On the basis of what you have studied in this lesson, please write, in your own words, a final short summary paragraph on the subject of assurance.

Reflection

14. Ryle points out that “he that has faith does well, but he that has assurance does far better—sees more, feels more, knows more, enjoys more...” Sit quietly and think about your life. Do you have more days of “heaven upon the earth,” as spoken of in Deuteronomy 11:21?
- Write your observations and include any new understanding you may have gained as a result of this lesson.
 - Do you believe that you are now able personally to experience a more biblical sense of assurance? Explain.

Making It Personal

15. Read, again, thoughtfully and prayerfully, the thirty points included in the *Addendum* at the end of the chapter in the book. Select one point that touches your heart and/or addresses your particular spiritual need at this time.
- Which point did you choose; what does it mean to you; how will you apply it to your life?

Lesson 8 Moses—An Example

First please read chapter 8 in the book and Hebrews 11 in your Bible.

Response

- Why was Ryle convinced to use Moses as an example of what “living by faith” means?
- I. What Moses Gave Up*
- What was Moses’ motivation to give up the things that he did “for the sake of his soul?”
 - What were the three things he gave up? Include a brief description of each point.
- II. What Moses Chose*
- Moses made three specific choices. What motivated him to make these choices?
 - List Moses’ three choices along with an explanation of each one.
- III. The Principle Which Moved Moses*
- What was the principle that moved Moses?

5. In your own words, explain what God revealed to Moses. How did this affect Moses' life?
6.
 - a. Moses had faith in God's Word, and his faith was manifested in four specific beliefs about God. List and briefly explain his four beliefs about God.
 - b. *Making It Personal*: Are these your beliefs too? (If not, what doubts do you have?)
7. Moses' faith surely speaks to us. What are the seven facts that "faith told Moses" about life in this world?

IV. Practical Lessons from Moses

8. Why should we "mark [study] the history of Moses" today?
9. List the four lessons that Ryle presents for practical application.
10. The first of the four lessons is about choosing God before the world.
 - a. Ryle points out a certain consequence that prevails for all those who would be true New Testament Christians. What is this consequence?
 - b. Ryle asks, "Now, are you making any sacrifices? Does your religion cost you anything?" Explain the choices a true Christian is required to make.
 - c. *Making It Personal*: Have you made these choices? What are your personal thoughts about this?

Reflection

11. Does the life of Moses speak to you? His faith and belief in God caused him to behold the things of life beneath the surface. Are you convicted to look beneath the surface of the events of your life in order to listen to God's convictions and guidance? Will you create a new habit to pray frequently throughout the day, seeking God's guidance before you respond to even the smallest of issues? Please write your thoughts.

Making It Personal

12. Please reread the third paragraph from the end of the chapter. Does this reflect the longings of your heart in regard to the development of your Christian character? Will you take Ryle's advice, as provided in the next paragraph in the text? Record Hebrews 11:24-26 on a 3 x 5 card. Refer to it regularly as your personal "telescope of faith" that reaches beyond the cares of this world, to real faith in and obedience to our Lord Jesus Christ.

Lesson 9 Lot—A Beacon

First please read chapter 9 in the book.

Response

I. What Was Lot?

1.
 - a. What does the author say about Lot's spiritual condition?
 - b. What does the Holy Spirit say about Lot? Include Scripture reference and key point.
2. Please list the three evidences that Lot was a saved and godly man. Include Scripture references.

II. Lot's Behavior

3. What does the text say about what Lot knew? List all five points, with Scripture references where provided.
4. Describe the people who are similar in this to Lot...
 - a. What they acknowledge, love, and like, and yet how their behavior is different.
 - b. What they think about holiness, and how their behavior is different.
5.
 - a. The author says, "Ah, if you are a lingering soul, you are not happy!" What is the reason given?
 - b. *Making It Personal:* At this point in the lesson, do you consider yourself a linger?

III. Reasons for Lot's Linging

6.
 - a. What was the wrong choice that Lot made early in life?
 - b. Please explain why he made it, using your own words.
7.
 - a. "He chose by sight, and not by faith." This was a huge mistake! What were the four other mistakes Lot made.
 - b. *Making It Personal:* To what degree are you making these same mistakes?
8.
 - a. In your own words, what was the problem with Lot's choosing to "dwell in Sodom?"
 - b. What does the author say about making "an unscriptural choice?"
9. The reader is warned, "beware of Lot's choice." What four things should be remembered?

IV. The Fruit of Lot's Life

10. Was fruit visible in Lot's life? If so, list some of the ways in which it was visible. If not, explain why not.
11. What point is made about "lingering believers?"

Parting Words

12. In your own words, please explain what kind of behaviors are characteristic of a true believer?
13. What does the author bid (exhort) true believers to do?

Reflection

14. Refer to the last five paragraphs of this chapter. Apply these words to your own life to determine if there is any weakness in your personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Write your thoughts.

Making It Personal

15. As a hedge against a lingering, unfruitful Christian walk, review the lesson again. Select two or three Scripture verses that “speak to you.” Transfer these to 3 x 5 cards so that you can be reminded of them frequently.
Which Scriptures did you select?

Lesson 10 A Woman To Be Remembered

First please read chapter 10 in the book.

Response

I. The Religious Privileges Which Lot’s Wife Enjoyed

1.
 - a. What were the religious privileges enjoyed by Lot’s wife?
 - b. What good effect did these privileges have on her heart?
 - c. Why did she keep up a “form of religion?”
2.
 - a. What is the main lesson her life is meant to teach?
 - b. What more do men need beyond religious privileges alone? Why?

II. The Sin Which Lot’s Wife Committed

3.
 - a. What was the sin committed by Lot’s wife?
 - b. What did that sin reveal? Include all four key points, and their Scripture references (when provided).
4. What is the “grand lesson” which the Lord Jesus means us to learn? Briefly describe it.
5. In remembering the sin of Lot’s wife, a warning is issued to five specific groups of people (each of whom seem to be believers, but they each *look back*).
 - a. To whom are these five warnings issued?

- b. Describe the main overall warning given regarding worldliness and true religion.

III. The Punishment of Lot's Wife

6. a. What was the punishment given to Lot's wife?
b. Describe what the author means by:
 - 1) "fearful end," and
 - 2) "hopeless end."
7. Why is it "good for us to mark these things?"

About Hell

8. What does false doctrine proclaim about the reality of hell versus God's love?
9. What four points does the Scripture teach about a real hell?
10. *Making It Personal*: "Consider often what your own end will be... Will it be the death of the righteous, or will it be a death without hope?"
 - a. What is your own answer to this question personally?
 - b. Do you have "vague hopes of God's mercy, while your heart cleaves to this world?"

Questions for Consciences

11. The text lists ten questions that are vital for every believer to answer. What are they?

Reflection

12. The author has presented three issues for the healthy, scriptural Christian to consider:
 - the *privileges* we may have in the religious world,
 - the *sin* of worldliness,
 - the *end* of worldliness.Please prayerfully and carefully review these. Record any thoughts you may have.

Making It Personal

13. Please review the ten points under *Questions for Consciences*. Do you feel convicted about any of these ten questions? Write down which of these issues you wish to address in prayer, confess them to Christ (and ask for His guidance in changing your Christian walk), and then record how the Lord Jesus answers you.
14. Take some time to review all the lessons of this study in *Holiness - Part 1*. How has your understanding of holiness changed?

What new understandings have you gained about the most Holy God, His Word, and your own walk of holiness?

*Thank you for taking this course.
May you be encouraged to continue
your studies of God's Word.
(Please write for your next study course now.)*

Holiness - Part 2 (HO2) is a continuation of this study course.

J.C. Ryle's original book *Holiness* included 21 chapters. This course and the paperback *Holiness - Part 1* have reviewed the Introduction and the first ten chapters. *Part 2* considers the last 10 chapters, including the following:

11. *Christ's Greatest Trophy* – an incredible look at the penitent thief on the cross and his Holy Spirit given evidences of holiness.
12. *The Ruler of the Waves* – step by step with the disciples in coming to a right understanding of who Jesus is, even in the midst of pain and suffering.
13. *The Church which Christ Builds* – understanding the differences between the visible churches and the invisible true Church of Christ.
14. *Visible Churches Warned* – developing true holiness by leaning wholly on Christ, not on our religious professions, programs, or practices.
15. “*Lovest Thou Me?*” – the centrality of God's love in us and reflected through us to others; love as the primary motivation for holiness.
16. “*Without Christ*” – the necessity for Christ in the holy life contrasted with existence without Christ.
17. *Thirst Relieved* – the great hope of the growing Christian: true satisfaction of all our desires and needs in Christ.
18. “*Unsearchable Riches*” – magnifying the greatness of God's salvation and sanctification
19. *Wants of the Times* – all about what most nominal Christians settle for in lieu of vital victorious relationship with Christ.
20. “*Christ Is All*” – the fitting conclusion to this classic study: all true holiness lies all in Christ, for He is our life!

Appendix One: Spurgeon on Holiness

Taken from the evening reading for June 12,
in *Morning and Evening*, by C. H. Spurgeon.

“Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling.”

– 2 Timothy 1:9

The apostle uses the perfect tense and says, “Who hath saved us.” Believers in Christ Jesus are saved. They are not looked upon as persons who are in a hopeful state, and may ultimately be saved, but they are already saved. Salvation is not a blessing to be enjoyed upon the dying bed, and to be sung of in a future state above, but a matter to be obtained, received, promised, and enjoyed now. The Christian is perfectly saved in God’s purpose; God has ordained him unto salvation, and that purpose is complete. He is saved also as to the price which has been paid for him: “It is finished” was the cry of the Savior ere He died. The believer is also perfectly saved in His covenant head, for as he fell in Adam, so he lives in Christ.

This complete salvation is accompanied by a holy calling. Those whom the Savior saved upon the cross are in due time effectually called by the power of God the Holy Spirit unto holiness. They leave their sins; they endeavor to be like Christ; they choose holiness—not out of any compulsion, but from the stress of a new nature, which leads them to rejoice in holiness just as naturally as aforetime they delighted in sin. God neither chose them nor called them because they were holy, but He called them that they might be holy, and holiness is the beauty produced by His workmanship in them. The excellencies which we see in a believer are as much the work of God as the atonement itself.

Thus is brought out very sweetly the fullness of the grace of God. Salvation must be of grace, because the Lord is the author of it: and what motive but grace could move Him to save the guilty? Salvation must be of grace, because the Lord works in such a manner that our righteousness is for ever excluded. Such is the believer’s privilege—a present salvation; such is the evidence that he is called to it—a holy life.

Appendix Two: Detailed Course Instructions

1. *Procedure for Taking the Course*

- a. The reading material for this course consists of the reading text printed at the beginning of each lesson of this study guide.
- b. Before beginning to read, please pray for God's enabling to learn spiritually.
- c. Before you begin a lesson, please read the reading text completely.
- d. After reading the text, answer the related questions in this study guide. The lessons in this course are "open book," which often enhances learning by removing unnecessary pressure. In addition, some questions ask for a *personal response*, where the answer will not be found in the reading material. In this case, we ask only for your honesty and best effort.
- e. The questions are designed to be carefully thought through. Several of the questions are sensitive; they have to do with your heart attitudes. So please do not rush, or you will be defeating the purpose of the course! Answer all of the questions as honestly as you can. The answers are confidential.
- f. Do not go to the next question until you have answered the previous one.

2. *Answer pages*

Try to *be concise* and as clear as possible in your answers. Please write or type your answers on regular 8.5 x 11 inch (A4 metric) paper, or on the preprinted answer sheets if provided. Please write clearly and neatly, and if possible print. Note each page with Lesson #, each answer with Question #, and skip a line between questions

3. *Supplies*

Paper, pen, and Bible are needed to complete your assignments. The King James Version is quoted, but you may use another version if you do not have a KJV.

4. *Completion of Assignments*

- a. If taking this course with a local coordinator, please follow their instructions.
- b. If you are taking this course as **individual independent study** (non-graded), save your answer sheets for future reference. (*Skip the below instructions 5 & 6*).

5. *Only if Correspondent Study*

- a. Four months are allotted for the completion of this course. You may be granted an extension by contacting your course coordinator.
- b. Mail your answer sheets (and not the study guide) to your course coordinator once after completing Lessons A to 5, and again after completing Lessons 6-10. Your lessons will be reviewed and returned as soon as possible by regular mail. *Please make sure you write your name, student ID, course title, and lesson number on each answer sheet. (See sample page 2.) Headings should be in the following format:*

Your name student ID course HO1 lesson number

6. *Written Feedback (only if correspondent study)*

Spiritual success is not measured by high grades, but by growth in a holy life and Christ-likeness, to God's glory. Therefore, the prime motivation in taking this course is to see God change your life. There are no letter or number grades such as "A" or "100" to be earned. The grader will offer comments or suggestions from Scripture in response to your answers. Some answers will have no comments because the answer is correct or of a personal nature.