### The Holiness of Christmas

PASTOR ZAC HESS • ISAIAH 6:1-7



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Holiness is the divine attribute signifying that God is exalted above creation and is absolutely morally pure.

## God is holy and we are not. (Isaiah 6:1–7)

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of His robe filled the temple.

Above Him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.

And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!"

And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke.

And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar.

And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."

#### Jesus reveals God's holiness.

(Luke 1:35; 2:22-38; 4:34; 5:12-14)

#### We are made holy to pursue holiness.

#### Holy Identity

(Ephesians 1:4; 1 Peter 1:15,16; 2:4, 9)

Holy Living
(Romans 8:1–11; Galatians 5:16–26; 1 Thessalonians 4:7,8)

### Holy Mission (2 Timothy 1:9; 1 Peter 2:9–12)

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