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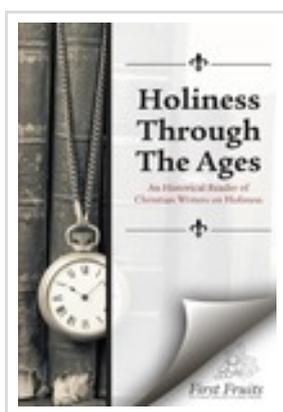
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Comments

Holiness is living life, as God would have us live it. For flawed human beings, it is impossible without the power of the Holy Spirit and a strong commitment to studying scripture, and repentance with self-reflection, along with other spiritual disciplines. No Christian tradition has a monopoly on teaching holiness. It has always been a part of the teachings of the Church from the very start.

This book brings together many Christian writers from many different traditions with a common focus on how to live a holy life. From the Roman Catholic St. Lawrence and Blaise Pascal to Puritans, Methodists, Baptists, and early Pentecostals, all have some important lessons to teach those who desire to faithfully follow Christ today.

Dr. Robert “Clem” Coleman, who started printing small booklets of excerpts from the versions of spiritual classics when he was a professor at Asbury Theological Seminary, edited and wrote introductions for a number of these chapters. He continued to work with many others in producing booklets that were later published by the E. M. Paul Center. Dr. Coleman wanted to use many of these writings for teaching a course in discipleship, but was frustrated by the difficulty of locating so many small booklets and reselling them to students. So we gathered permissions from all of the writers, found them, and are now publishing most of this material in one place.

Our hope is that this material, being made freely available online, will impact the lives of Christians all over the world. Holiness is what we are called to in the Christian faith. Conversion is just an important step on a much longer journey toward holiness. We have before us the needs of the world cried out for the People of God to live and witness. We are calling to be a light to the nations, as it has in this generation. Yet many believe that we have not heard the message of living a holy life for a holy God.

Consumerism, materialism, individualism, rationalism, and the rejection of spiritual truth have all led to a world desperately in need of the classical teachings of holiness. This is just a small attempt to reintroduce these teachings once a

reflect on these teachings and the lives of those who made such an impact
time. May their words inspire a new generation of Christians and light a fire
hearts that will kindle a passion for holiness that will sweep over the earth!

By Robert Danielson

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