

Teaching Orthodoxy...using Bible Verses Lesson 6:
We are called to “Be Holy” by the power of the Gift of the Holy Spirit

We get to share in God’s Glory (His Divine Energies), but we do NOT turn into His Divine Essence. We remain creatures, and God remains the Uncreated Creator.

And the **glory** which Thou gavest **Me I have given them**; that **they may be one, even as We are one**. John 17:22

For you know the **grace** of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that **you** through His poverty **might become rich**. 2 Corinthians 8:9

To know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be **filled with all the fullness** [*“pleroma”*] **of God**. Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the **power that works** [*literally, “energizes”*] **in us**. Ephesians 3:19-20

To all who are in Rome, beloved of God, **called to be saints [holy ones]**. Rom. 1:7

Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, **called to be saints** with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours. 1 Corinth. 1:2

But **we** all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror **the glory of the Lord**, **are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory**, just as from the Lord, the Spirit. 2 Corinthians 3:18

But our citizenship is in heaven, and we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, Who, **by the power** that enables Him to subject all things to Himself, **will transform** our lowly **bodies** to be **like His glorious body**. Philippians 3:20-21

God's **plan** from the beginning was that **humans be holy**. He **designed** us for **holiness**. He commanded it. He wants the VERY BEST for us.

Just as He who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do for it is written: "**Be holy, because I am holy.**" 1 Peter 1:15-16

Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. Hebrews 12:14

To become HOLY is a BIG work. We cannot do this alone. **We need help**. So then **God helps us** accomplish this great plan...by **uniting with us** so that we can be "**divinized**"... "deified"...i.e. share in and partake of His holiness as a Gift to us.

Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these **ye might be partakers of the divine nature**. 2 Peter 1:4

To help us become HOLY, Jesus promised **to send us** the Helper, the Comforter, the Paraclete, the Counselor: the Holy Spirit. Central to the Apostles' understanding of salvation is the **promise** that they received from Christ Jesus that they would partake of God. By **the Gift of the Holy Spirit that Jesus promised to send down to them**, Apostles would receive God into themselves.

I am going to send you what my Father has **promised**; but stay in the city until you have been **clothed with power from on high**. Luke 24:49

In the last days, God says, **I will pour out my Spirit on all people**. Acts 2:17

But the **Helper** [Comforter], **the Holy Spirit**, whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. John 14:26

If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven **give the Holy Spirit** to those who ask Him!" Luke 11:13

because God chose you as firstfruits to be saved through the **sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth.** 2 Thess. 2:13

Do you not know that your bodies are **temples of the Holy Spirit**, who is in you, whom you have **received** from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies. 1 Corinth. 6:19-20

the **glory that will be revealed in us.** Romans 8:18

Then the righteous will **shine like the sun** in the kingdom of their Father. Matthew 13:43

Those who are wise will **shine like the brightness** of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, **like the stars** for ever and ever. Daniel 12:3