## Holiness – Part 2 Jerry Bridges

- I. Introduction.
  - A. Text: Romans 12:1-2.
  - B. Mercy is God's love in our helpless state and God's grace is his love in our undeserving state.
- II. God's mercy is motive and motivation. As long as people are dealing with guilt, they are not motivated to pursue holiness.
- III. We need to make an overarching commitment to holiness.
  - A. To offer our bodies refers to committing ourselves.
  - B. This is acknowledging God's ownership of our bodies. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)
- IV. We need to make specific commitments to holiness. (Job 31:1; Daniel 1:8; Ezekiel 14:14)
- V. The world will squeeze us into its pattern unless we allow the Spirit to transform us. (2 Corinthians 3:18; Romans 8:29)
  - A. We are to be under the transforming power of the Word of God and develop Bible based convictions.
  - B. The Spirit will take this convictions and apply them to our lives. (Ephesians 4:23)
- VI. We must put to death the misdeeds of the body. (Romans 8:13)
  - A. We are both responsible and dependent.
  - B. We must put on and put off by the Holy Spirit. (Philippians 2:12-13)

## **Application questions:**

1. How would you differentiate our responsibility and God's responsibility in our holiness?
2. What role does the Bible play in our holiness?
3. What is your action plan for holiness this week?