

EZRA

Covenant Renewal

Recommitment to Holiness, Part 2

INTRO: *As the book of Ezra comes to a close, the people are confronted with a compromise to their holiness. This needed to be resolved, and fast!*

I. God calls His people to _____. *Both OT Israel (Leviticus 11:45) and the NT Church (1 Peter 1:15-16) were called to separate from sin.*

II. Holiness is _____ when God's people are unequally _____ with the _____ (9:1-2).
The issue in Ezra 9-10 was NOT a racial issue nor was it a marital issue; it was a holiness issue.

III. When confronted by God's _____ with the sin of compromise, recommit to _____ (9:3-10:44).
The first of three steps of recommitment was revealed last week.

A. _____ (Last Week).

B. _____.
The Church follows Matthew 18:15-18 which seeks reconciliation through repentance (Cf. 1 Corinthians 5:1-4).

C. _____.
*Animals sacrificed under the Mosaic Law covered sin until the next offense. Jesus' sacrifice permanently deals with all of our sin (Heb. 10:4). We can move forward **clean!***