**Follow Holiness, Without Which No Man Shall See The Lord**

Heb 12:14 reads "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which **no man** shall see the Lord." So the Bible teaches that unless we are holy, we shall not see God (be saved).

I like the way Dictionary.com defines "holy" - "having a spiritually pure quality." Are we living a spiritually pure (moral) life?

Remember, Heb 12:14 says "**no man**" shall see the Lord. Some preachers say that once one becomes a Christian they shall see God even if they don't live a holy life. Here is how one preacher put it ...

**Sam Morris**, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Stamford, Texas - The way a Christian lives, what he says, his character, his conduct, or his attitude toward other people have nothing whatever to do with the salvation of his soul. … All … the sins he may commit **from idolatry to murder** will not make his soul in any more danger …

Sam Morris doesn't match up very well with our text in Heb 12, does he? He says a Christian can live an unholy lifestyle and still be saved, because once you're saved, you're always saved. But this verse says "**no man**" will see the Lord if he does not live holy.

What does it mean to live holy?:

* **attend church:** Heb 10:25 “Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.”
* **cussing**: Eph 4:29 “Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.”
* **drinking**: I Pet 4:3 "For the time that is past suffices for doing what the Gentiles … do, living in sensuality, passions, drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties, and lawless idolatry." (ESV)
* **pornography**: Matt 5:28 “... whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.”
* **fornication**: I Cor 7:2 "... to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband."
* **homosexuality**: I Cor 6:9-10 “Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, … will inherit the kingdom of God.” (NKJV)
* **adulterous marriage**: Matt 19:9 "Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, & shall marry another, committeth adultery: & whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery."
* **gossip**: II Cor 12:20 "For I fear that perhaps when I come I may find you not as I wish, and that you may find me not as you wish—that perhaps there may be quarreling, jealousy, anger, hostility, slander, gossip, conceit, and disorder." (ESV)