



Our God is...Holy

One of the enduring memories of Chicago Cub fans is the late announcer Harry Cary. “Holy cow!” used to be one of his favorite sayings.

We usually say, “Holy cow!” to express our surprise—not to point to a cow that is particularly well behaved. Cows can be big. Some people even may think they are pretty. But holy?

God expects *people* to be holy. He demands, “Be holy because I, the LORD your God, am holy” (Leviticus 19:2).

Holy means sinless/perfect. Think about playing Little League baseball. Imagine your coach telling you that you have to get a hit every time you go up to bat, or you will be punished and never play again. That’s impossible. Not even Christian Yelich can do that!

How can a *loving* God demand that we be holy? How can he say that if we sin just one time we deserve to go to hell? Isn’t that cruel? Why does God demand the impossible?

We can’t be sinless, but there is someone who was. That’s Jesus. The

Bible says, “He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth” (1 Peter 2:22).

God gives us even better news! “God made him [Jesus] who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God” (2 Corinthians 5:21). Righteous means holy. God tells us that Jesus became sinful for us.

How do we become righteous/holy? “No one will be declared righteous in God’s sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin. But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.” (Romans 3:20-22).

God credits holiness to all who believe in Jesus as the one who saved them from their sins.

What God demands; he provides!
Everyone who believes in Jesus is considered perfect by God! Holy cow!