

To Worship In Truth

# The Holiness of God in Christ

Luke 1:30-35

What is Holiness?

## By His Grace

1. We are holy before Him at spiritual birth.
2. We are conformed to practice His holiness.
3. Holiness completed at Christ's return.

**Lord God**

**I thank You for Your character of holiness.**

**I thank You for Your “holy offspring” Jesus, your Son.**

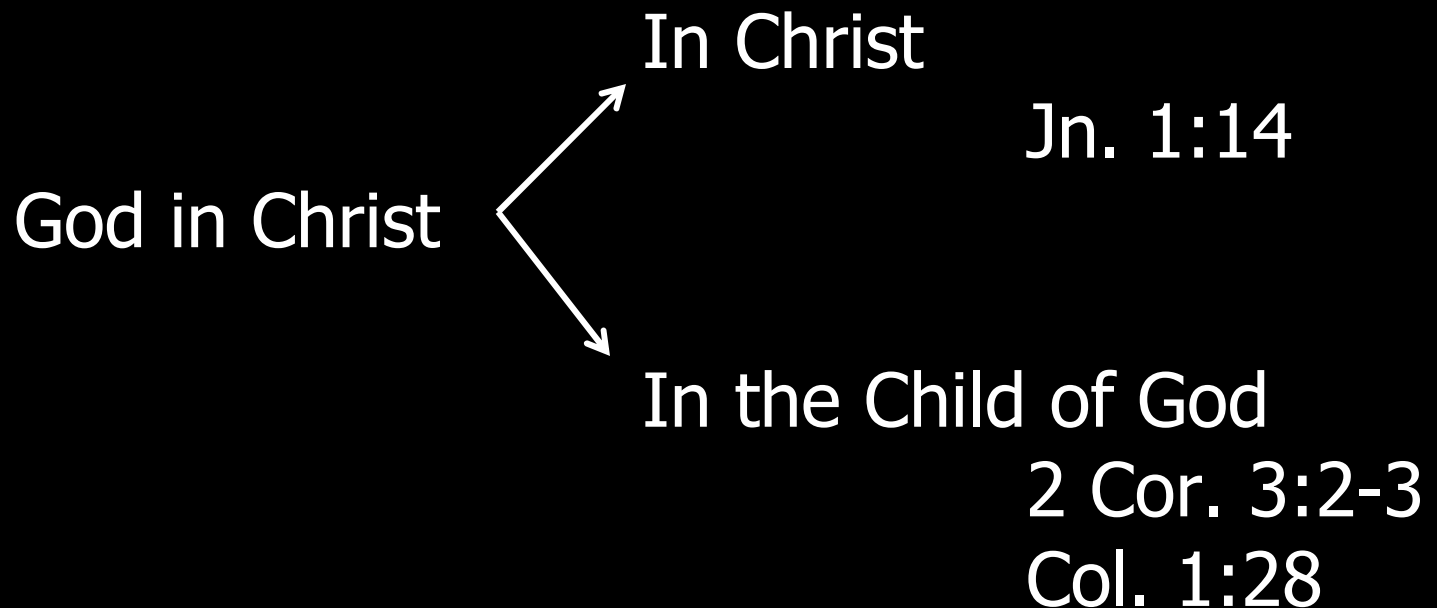
**I thank You for the gift of holiness provided by the cross of Jesus.**

**I ask that You create in me a deeper understanding, a greater desire, and a personal practice of holiness as a way of life.**

# In Incarnation of God in Christ

John 1:1-3; 4

Two fold dimension



# The Reconciliation of God in Christ

Isaiah 9:6/Luke 2:14

The governing principle of all relationships; man with God and man with man.



## Three effects of reconciliation

1. Directly effects a change in sinful people so they no longer desire alienation *from God*.

2. Directly effects a change in sinful people so they no longer desire alienation *from each other*.

3. Directly applies the work of grace in that we can do nothing to earn our relationship nor can we do anything to lose our relationship *with God*.

# The Preeminence of God in Christ

Colossians 1:18b

We are confronted daily with the choices of allowing Him to come to have first place in every aspect of our lives.

It's transformational

Acts 1:8;

2 Cor. 3:17;

2 Cor. 4:16-18

It's visible

1 Peter 1:11-17