

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.

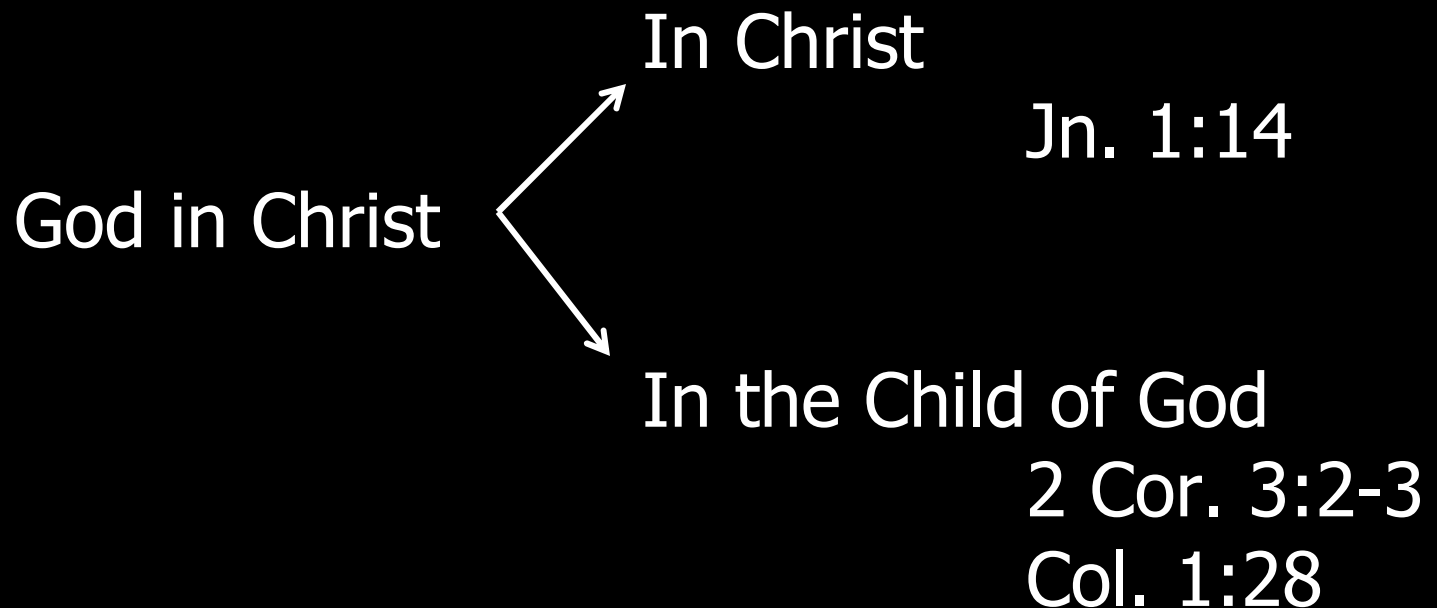
I thank You for the gift of holiness provided by the cross of Jesus.

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