

Behold!: God is Holy.

Isaiah 6:1-3; 1 Peter 1:13-16; Revelation 15:2-4

What is holiness? How is God's holiness defined and described?

How can someone who is unholy be made holy?

How can sinners like us share in the holiness of God?

God's Answer: Only in Christ do we "become the righteousness of God."

Two witnesses to God's holiness compared: Isaiah 6 and John 4.

Conclusion and Application: Five "Gains" in Christ.

1. God proved His love for us much more than what Adam experienced of God's love at creation. (Romans 5:8)
2. The sacrificial death of Christ to rescue believers from eternal wrath was not known to Adam at Creation. (Romans 5:9)
3. The comparative blessings of Christ's death are a much greater good than the damage of Adam's sin. (Romans 5:15)
4. Adam reigned over an earthly dominion, but the redeemed reign with Christ now and then over the heavenly eternal kingdom. (Romans 5:17)
5. When Adam sinned, a monster—sin—was let loose in the land. Sin abounded until grace "did much more abound." If we stumble, if we fail to call upon the grace of God and fall into sin, He never lets us go. He will cleanse us, forgive us, and restore us. (Romans 5:20)

Finally, here is a challenge: 1 Peter 1:15-16