Being Jesus to the World

Image

Gen 1:27 "So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them."

2 Co 3:18 "And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit."

Note: Moses was veiled and the glory of the Lord faded.

1Co 13:12 "For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known."

Heb 1:3 "The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven."

Note: Jesus reflects God. We reflect Jesus.

Holy

1 Co 1:2 "To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be his holy people, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ—their Lord and ours:"

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2 Tim 1:9 "He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time,"

Heb 10:10 "And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all."

1 Pe 1:14-15 "As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. **15** But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do;"

Tit 2:11-14 "For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-

controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good."

Holiness is the work of the Holy Spirit. It is a process. It is to be our goal.

Light

John 8:12 "When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'"

Mt 5:14a "You are the light of the world."

Mt 5:16 "In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

Lk 16:8 ""The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light."

Jn 12:36a "Believe in the light while you have the light, so that you may become children of light."

Acts 13:47 "For this is what the Lord has commanded us: 'I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.'"

What does light do? It dispels the darkness and allows us to see clearly. When we allow Jesus to shine out of us, darkness is dispelled around us.

Perfect

Mt 5:48 "Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

2 Co 13:11 "… Aim for perfection, listen to my appeal, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you."

Col 1:28 "We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we many present everyone perfect in Christ."

Php 3:12 "Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me."

Heb 10:14 "For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy."

We as human beings will never be completely "perfect". Our aim is perfection in Christ. When we fall short, we repent, get up and move on. It is Christ's sacrifice that brings us to a place of perfection.

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