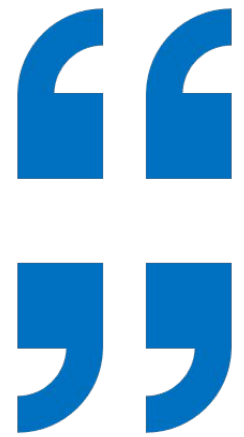


# WORSHIP A FULL-DEFINITION GOD

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Christies Beach Baptist Church  
Stephen Spence  
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# SHAPING OUR WHO, AND OUR WHAT AND HOW



You must be holy,  
for God is holy!

First Peter 1:16,  
quoting Leviticus  
11:44

# YOUR GOD-GIVEN DESTINY AND PURPOSE IS TO BE CONFORMED TO THE IMAGE OF JESUS, THE SON OF GOD (ROM 8:29)

## Lean

Lean into Jesus,  
and participate  
in the love of  
the Triune God

## Worship

Worship the  
living God in all  
his glory

## Walk

Walk with God  
on his mission  
(We are  
disciples, not  
Pharisees)

# WORSHIP GOD AND BE TRANSFORMED



All of us... seeing the  
glory of the Lord... are  
being transformed...  
from one degree of glory  
to another...

2 Cor 3:17-18

# WORSHIP GOD, NOT IDOLS

“

We become what we love and who we love shapes what we become.

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If we love things, we become a thing.

If we love nothing, we become nothing.

St. Clare of Assisi  
(1194—1253)

Imitation is not a literal mimicking of Christ, rather it means becoming the image of the beloved, an image disclosed through transformation. This means we are to become **vessels of God's compassionate love** for others.

# WORSHIP GOD, NOT IDOLS

Christian idolatry is much more likely to create a false image of the true God, than a false image of a false god.

What is idolatry, except beautiful things that do not transform us into the image of Jesus.

Kate Bowler, "Good Enough" (2022)



The Gold Calf that Israel made for itself was meant to be an image of YHWH, not an Egyptian god.

# MY GOD, NOT MY GOD

“

It is not so much the case that God has a mission for his church in the world, as that God has a church for his mission in the world.

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Mission was not made for the church; the church was made for mission – God’s mission.

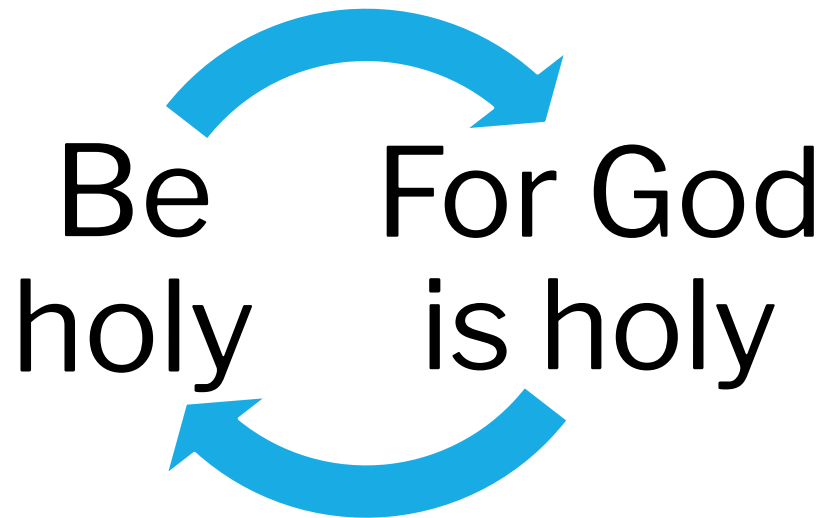
Chris Wright,

The Mission of God's People

Worshipping God shapes our **who**, and what and how

# HOLY IS AS JESUS DOES

Be disciples,  
Not Pharisees



*Jesus eats with sinners, while the religious leaders grumble. Luke 15:1-2*