

God is Light

1 John 1:5

I. The Definition of God's Holiness

God's holiness means he is exalted above his creatures in majesty and morality.

God's holiness is appropriately described as "light" because light exposes darkness.

God's holiness is appropriately described as "light" because light is overwhelming for those in darkness.

II. The Relevance of God's Holiness

John draws our attention to God's holiness as a matter of first importance.

For the modern man, "he is the judge, God is in the dock." (CS Lewis)

Because "God is light", he is the absolute standard of right and wrong.

III. The Application of God's Holiness

We understand the Gospel insofar as we understand His holiness.

God's holiness shapes the pattern of our conduct.