

CHAPTER 1

# Laying the Foundation

BEHOLD  
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GOD



# **Our Goal**

- **1 Corinthians 10:31**
- **Ephesians 1:12**
- **Goal: to glorify God**

# Our Goal (cont.)

- **Knowing**
  - Mental acquisition of facts
- **Being**
  - Personal holiness
- **Doing**
  - Practical holiness



# Our Goal (cont.)

- God is more concerned with what we *are* than with what we know.
  - Ephesians 1:12

# Our Goal (cont.)

- God is more concerned with what we *are* than with what we do.
  - Matthew 23
  - 1 Samuel 16:7
  - Proverbs 4:23



# **Definition of Holiness**

- **The inward progressive work of the Holy Spirit, through Christ, that sets the believer apart from sin and to God**

# **Holiness and the Doctrine of God**

- **The Father created us and called us to be holy.**
  - 1 Peter 1:15–16



# Holiness and the Doctrine of God (cont.)

- Jesus Christ redeemed us to be holy.
  - Ephesians 5:26–27



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- **The Holy Spirit empowers us to be holy.**
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CHAPTER 2

# Getting a Right Focus

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# **The Word of God as a Mirror**

- **2 Corinthians 3:18**



**“God must be the  
Terminus ad quem,  
the ultimate end of  
all actions.”**

*—Thomas Watson, A Body of Divinity*



# Wrong Focuses and Their Results

- **Holiness**
  - Feeling-oriented emotionalism
- **The Word**
  - Dead orthodoxy
- **Love**
  - Sentimentalism



# Wrong Focuses (cont.)

- **Rules and Laws**
  - Becoming like the Pharisees
- **Doing**
  - Legalism
- **Being**
  - Self-improvement



# The Right Focus

- **On a Person**
- **Through the Word**
  - 2 Corinthians 3:18
  - John 5:39
- **Through Providence**

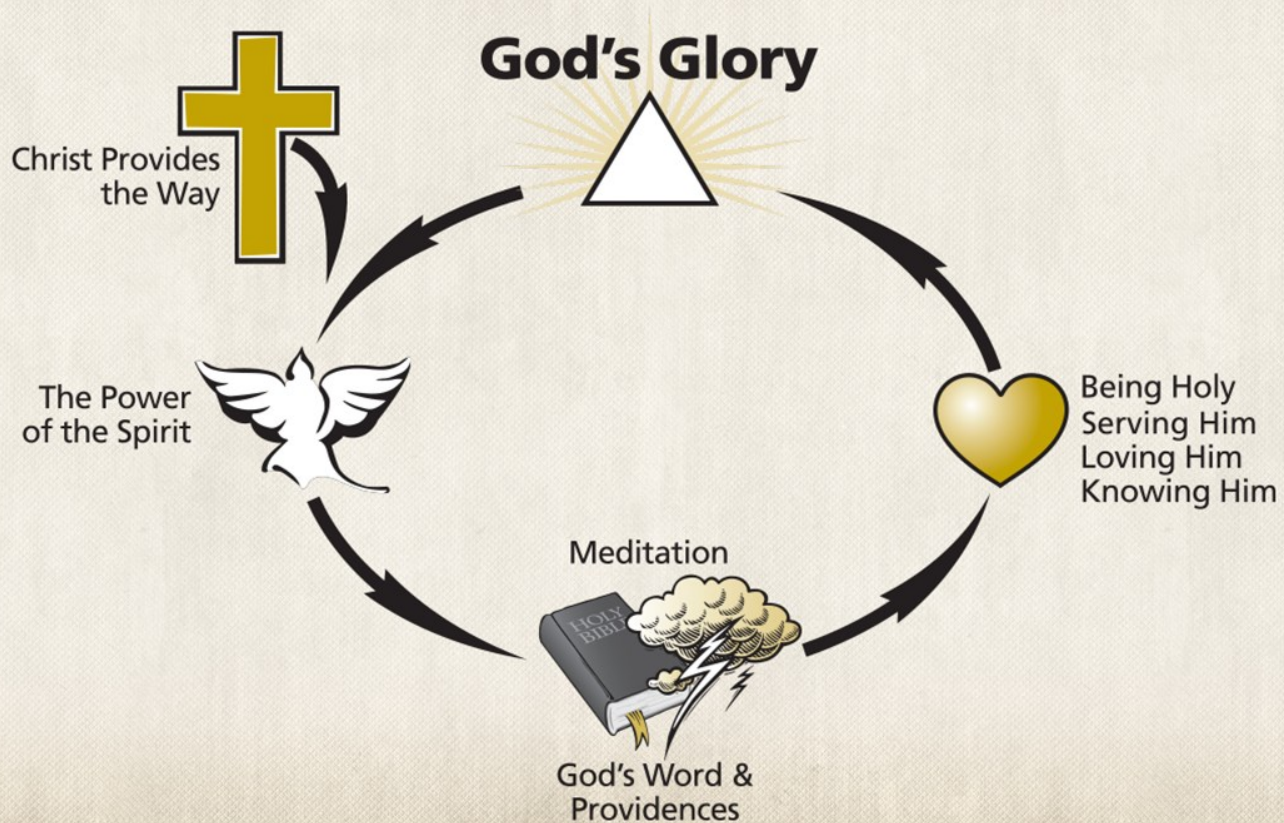


# The Results of the Right Focus

- **Love for God**
  - Romans 5:5
- **Two Components of Love**
  - Holiness
  - Service
  - 1 Corinthians 13:4–6, John 14:21–24



# Goal: The Glory of God





# Challenge

- **Psalm 119:1–2**
- **Love God by studying His Word.**
- **Focus on the glory of God and knowing God.**



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# A Right Focus

- The Christians' primary goal: holiness
- The means to this goal: love
- The primary focus of this goal: the glory of the Godhead



# Problems When We Focus On . . .

- Holiness—feeling-oriented emotionalism
- The Word—dead orthodoxy
- Love—sentimentalism



# Problems (cont.)

- Rules and laws—becoming like Pharisees
- Doing—legalism
- Being—self-improvement



# Two Components of Love

- Holiness
- Service



# Proper Focus in Bible Study

- The Knowledge of God
- The Glory of the Godhead





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CHAPTER 3

# Knowing God

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# **Review**

- **Goal is holiness.**
- **The means to holiness is love.**
- **The focus is on knowing God.**



# **Review (cont.)**

- **Jeremiah 9:23–24**



# **Knowing God Is Not**

- **Knowledge about God**
- **Knowledge about godliness**



# Knowing God Is

- **A personal relationship**
  - Matthew 11:27
- **A personal fellowship**



# Challenge

- **Romans 1:21**
- **2 Timothy 3:5**



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