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1 John 3:3, 5 -- "And every one who has this hope fixed on Him [Christ] purifies himself, just as He is pure . . . and you know that he appeared to order to take away sins; and in Him there is no sin."

These scriptures speak to us of Christ's moral purity and perfect sinlessness.

c. Principles derived from these scriptures

(1) Jesus Christ is revealed as having the nature of humanity, as possessing human faculties and powers, and as being a man.

(2) Jesus Christ is revealed as having a human flesh and blood body, which was supernaturally conceived of Mary's substance, was born, developed, matured, and experienced fatigue, hunger, thirst, physical well being, pain, suffering, and death.

(3) Jesus Christ is revealed as having a human soul-spirit, which was created by God (either directly or indirectly), was finite, developed mentally and socially, and experienced strong emotions, the attitude of obedience, various kinds of temptations, sufferings, and death.

(4) Jesus Christ is revealed as being subject to the limitations common to finite human beings. During His earthly ministry, in respect of His human nature, He was not omnipresent, but present only somewhere, and had to move to get from one location to another. With respect to His human nature, He was not omniscient, but was limited in His knowledge to what a man can know by the ordinary use of (uncorrupted) human faculties and/or what a man can know by Special Revelation (uncorruptedly understood). With respect to His human nature He was not omnipotent, but was limited in power to what a human being is able to do in his own strength, or in the strength of the Holy Spirit.

(5) Jesus Christ is revealed as being completely free from depravity; holy, spotless, without moral blemish; as free from personal guilt (even when our guilt was imputed to Him); and as having never committed a sin, whether in thought, desire, intent, purpose, volition, word, or action.