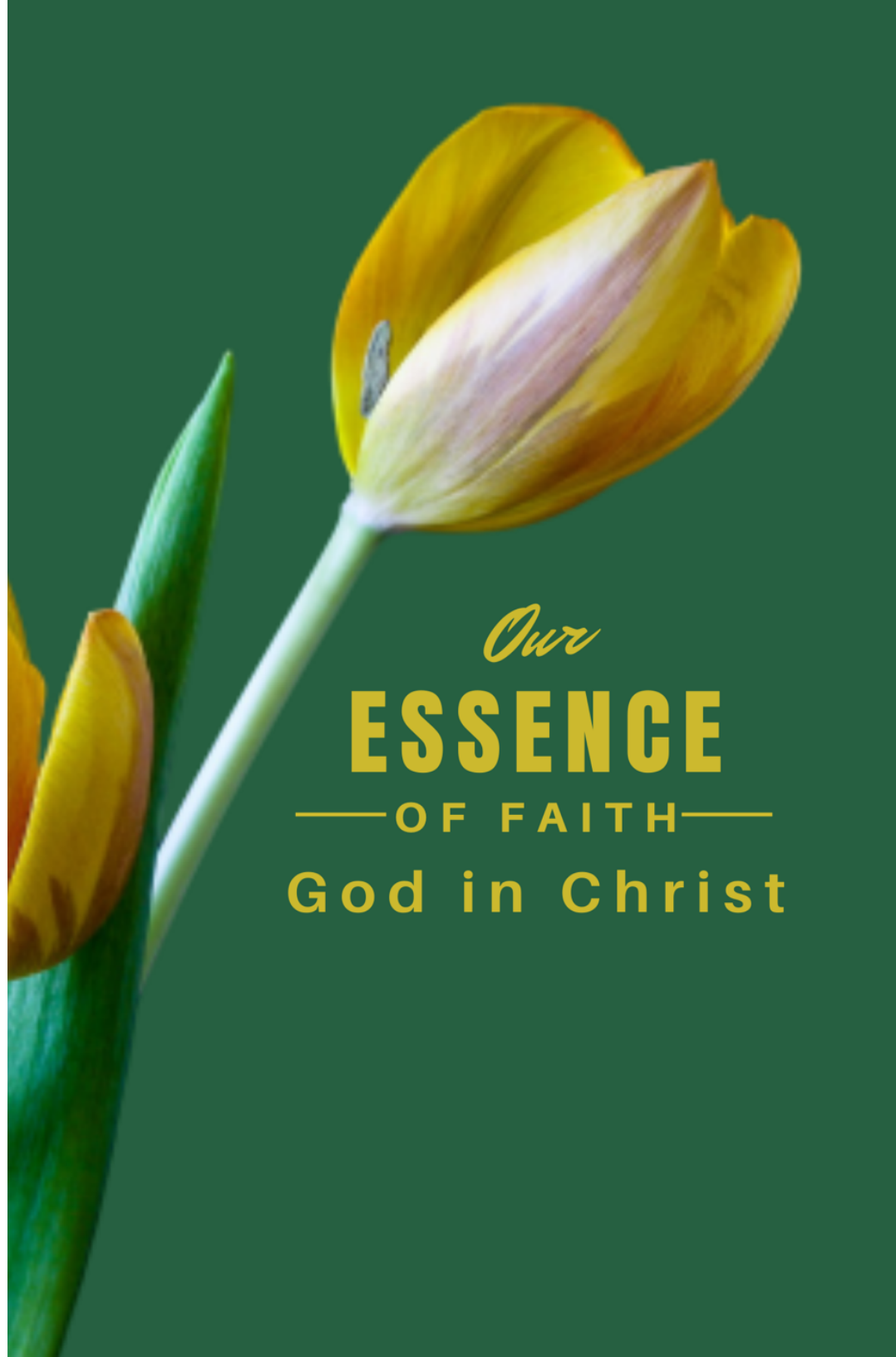




Our
ESSENCE
—OF FAITH—
God in Christ

That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death.

~Philippians 3:10



God's eternal purpose is that He would have a people through whom His glory would shine forth to the universe. To that end, He unceasingly works through grace to conform us into the image of His Son.

He has outworked His redemption plan through His Son, Jesus. He also wants to outwork His plan for the earth through us in establishing the Lordship of Christ.

As we walk in obedience, it helps us to know



God for ourselves. In knowing God, we are better able to endure the work He is doing within us. It also brings out His glory in and through us.

It is necessary to have Jesus Christ in the priestly office on our behalf. God gave us His Son, who is "passed into the heavens" (Hebrews 4:14) and has become our High Priest. We can touch Him with the feelings of our infirmities.

He understands when we are weak in faith and when we feel tempted to operate in the flesh. He is mindful when our backs are against the wall.

He sympathizes with us as we strive to live out our purpose. With love and tenderness, He invites us to come to Him.

When we sin or mess up and fall short of His expectations, we can go to Him in bold assurance of faith. As we confess our sins and make restitution where necessary, He will give us the grace to "be conform into the image of His Son."

Through Christ, the Mediator of the New Covenant, we can enter into the holy of holies, a place in God.

Under the Old Covenant, a place in God was in the ten commandments, and the laws. It was also through animal sacrifices, and the tabernacle and the temple.