

Do People See Christ In You?

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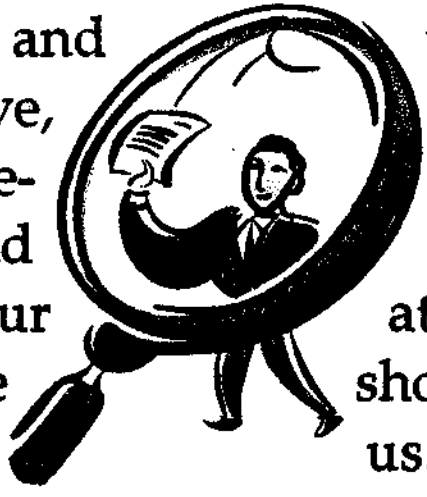
Most folks desire to see and be with someone who has accomplished unusual things. John the Baptist was an unusual man with an unusual message. People flocked from their towns, cities, and villages to the wilderness of Judea where he was preaching and baptizing.

The same is true with Christ. He healed the sick, raised the dead, calmed the storm, walked on water, turned water into wine, and fed five thousand with five loaves and two fish. Throngs wanted to see Him. According to John twelve, some Greeks came to worship at the feast. They came to Philip saying, "Sir, we would see Jesus" (John 12:21).

Many in our day still want to see Jesus. Obviously, we will not see Him in the flesh with our physical eyes; yet, we can see Him. We see Christ in the Word. Even in the Old Testament we see Him in numerous prophecies. We see His life portrayed in the gospels and in other parts of the New Testament.

Some folks seldom read their Bibles, so if they see Him, they must see Him in some other way. People should be able to see Christ living in us. Paul wrote, "I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live. Yet, not I, but Christ lives in me" (Galatians 2:20).

Do people see Christ in our lives? They will if we live according to the example and teachings of Jesus. Jesus forgave. When we forgive, others can see Christ in us. The same is true regarding serving others, living lives of purity, and putting the kingdom first. Think about it — our attitudes, words, deeds, and all that we are should be such that it is evident that He's living in us. The only way some will see Jesus is in your life and mine.



- Berryville Bible Beacon, Berryville, AR

As a child of God, prayer is kind of like calling home everyday.

News & Notes

SYMPATHY: To Dr. Jay Zdunek & family at the passing of his wife, Sherri. Those wishing to send condolences may address them to his Calcutta office: 15303 State Route 170, Calcutta, OH 43920.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. All ladies invited.

FRIDAY NIGHT SINGS:

Struthers, OH ----- May 16

Parkersburg (Sunrise Congregation) ----- May 23

PANTRY: Peanut butter & jelly.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Ruth Brewer, Larry Nice, Gary Evans.

REMEMBER THESE SHUT-IN'S: Ruth Brewer, Bette Gentry.

SICK: Valley Hospice, Steubenville: Larry Nice (son of Harry & Imogene Nice). AT HOME: Bertha Seman, Dan Williams, Linda Parkes, Harry & Imogene Nice. Brightwell Nursing Home, Follansbee: Gary Evans. Others confined to their homes and in nursing are listed on the bulletin board.

MEETINGS

East Liverpool ----- May 4- 8 ----- Steve Snider
Mooresville ----- May 4- 9 ----- F. Higginbotham
New Freeport ----- May 11-15 ----- Denver Cooper

Nipper's Master's Voice

During the mid-twentieth century, one of the most recognizable brand icons in America was a dog sitting in front of an old-time gramophone, head cocked, listening to the sound. That iconic image, owned by the RCA Victor Record Company, was taken from a painting by English artist Francis Barraud. The dog, Nipper, had been owned by Barraud's brother who had recorded his voice on early phonograph records. After the brother died, Barraud inherited Nipper and the gramophone and records. Whenever the records with Nipper's master's voice were played, the dog would sit in front of the gramophone listening to his master's voice.



That's a beautiful image of the relationship between Jesus Christ and us. He has gone away from earth, so we can no longer hear His physical voice. But we sit in front of His Word and listen to our Master's teachings.

Listening for the Master's voice is a sign of loyalty and longing — an indication that we are eager to hear and obey.

"We ought to obey God ..." — Acts 5:29

- House to House