

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE DISTINCTIVE

The great thrust of liberalism is to make the church become like the world around us. In a world so filled with sin and indifference to godliness, it is refreshing and uplifting to notice the distinctiveness of a faithful Christian. A true follower of Christ is:

Distinctive in speech — The Christian's speech is "sound speech, that cannot be condemned" (Titus 2:8). There is a noted void of profanity and vulgarities. He calls Bible things by Bible names (1 Peter 4:11). His language is the language of godliness, not worldliness

Distinctive in doctrine — His consent is only "the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness" (1 Timothy 6:3). The Christian is greatly concerned about abiding only in the doctrine of Christ (2 John 9), and will teach no other doctrine than that which is authorized by the Lord (Galatians 1:6-8; Colossians 3:17).

Distinctive in worship — Historically, apostasy makes its inroads by changing the way in which man worships God. A true follower of Christ avoids the vain worship of teaching man's doctrines (Matthew 15:9). He also refuses will worship (Colossians 2:23), and he rejects the idea that man can worship God in ignorance (Acts 17:23). The Christian distinctively worships God in spirit and in truth (John 4:24).

Distinctive in manner of life — A true follower of Christ always conducts himself in a manner which "becometh the gospel of Christ" (Philippians 1:27). The Christian's modest apparel is distinctive from the world's dress (1 Timothy 2:8-10); his entertainment is unlike that of the world's; his priorities in all matters place Christ first.

What this world needs is more distinctiveness! "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness?" (2 Corinthians 6;14).

- Jim Lewis

Mental floss prevents moral decay.

News & Notes

CONFESSIONS: Leanne McKinnon, Santana Noland, Bill Robinson.
CARE & SHARE BEARS: Each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. Help the ladies in this worthwhile project.
PANTRY: Canned vegetables.
SUNDAY EVENING SINGING: following the worship period, and Sept. 23rd.
SICK & SHUT-IN: Weirton Medical Center: Jean Larrimore. AT HOME: Taylor Heinselman, Ruth Brewer, Lloyd & Virginia Ferrell, Lloyd Cowdery, Mabel Sprout, Virginia Rickerd, Bette Gentry, Fred Larrimore, Sr., Fred Larrimore, Jr., Cheryl Stackpole, Betty Dunn (Pat Wright's mother).
NURSING HOMES: Fox: Ray Baker. Calcutta Health Care: Virginia Clutter. Nentwick: Ruby Kenny. Weirton Geriatric Center: Edna McKitrick, Ila Plum. Aspen Manor, Wellsburg: Ione Asher.

Drop A Pebble In The Water

Drop a pebble in the water; just a splash, and it is gone;
But there's half-a-hundred ripples circling on and on and on,
Spreading, spreading from the center, flowing out to the sea,
And there is no way of telling where the end is going to be.

Drop an unkind word, or careless; in a minute you forget;
But there's little waves a-flowing, and there's ripples circling yet,
And perhaps in some sad heart a mighty wave of tears you've stirred,
And disturbed a life that was happy ere you dropped that unkind word.

Drop a word of cheer and kindness: just a flash and it is gone;
But there's half-a-hundred ripples circling on and on and on,
Bearing hope and joy and comfort on each splashing, dashing wave
Till you wouldn't believe the volume of the one kind word you gave.

- James W. Foley -

Meetings & Lectures

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| Pennsboro (Lectures) ----- | Sept. 9-12 ----- | Various Speakers |
| East Liverpool ----- | Sept. 9-13 ----- | Steve Stevens |
| CHESTER ----- | Sept. 16-19 ----- | Roger Rush |
| McKinleyville ----- | Sept. 23-27 ----- | Various Speakers |
| W. Canton ----- | Sept. 23-27 ----- | F. Higginbotham |
| WVSOP Lectures ----- | Oct. 21-25 ----- | Various Speakers |