

Do People See Christ In You?

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 fishes. 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 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 liveth in me" (Galatians 2:20).

Do people see Christ in our lives? To do people see Christ in our lives, we forgive, others can see Christ in us. The same is true regarding serving others, living lives of purity, and putting the kingdom first.



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.

- Walter Buchanan, *Berryville Bible Beacon*, Berryville AR -

A Little Faith In A Great God

A woman was known for her simple faith, her faithfulness in Christian stewardship, and her peace and composure in the face of great difficulties. A stranger sought her out and asked, "Are you the woman with great faith?"

"No," she replied, "I am the person with a little faith in a great God."

We may have faith in ourselves and fail, or faith in another person and be disappointed. But when our faith is centered in God, we can rest assured that everything will be all right. God will not disappoint us or let us down if we are attempting to do His will in our lives.

- Bulletin Digest -

A Happy Day

*A heart full of thankfulness,
A thimbleful of care;
A soul of simple hopefulness,
An early morning prayer.*

*A smile to greet the morning with;
A kind word as the key
To open the door and greet the day
What'er it brings to thee.*

*A patient trust in Providence,
To sweeten all the way,
All these, combined with thoughtfulness,
Will make a happy day.*

- Author Unknown -

Your religion is the life you live, not the words you profess.

News & Notes

GUEST SPEAKER TODAY: Herman McHan of the Columbiana congregation.

Bro. Rico is speaking at The Greater Midwest Lectureship in Dayton, Ohio.

NO COVERED DISH DINNER TODAY. The next dinner will be the first Sunday in November.

EVENING SERVICE TODAY AT 5:30 p.m. (not 2:00 p.m.)

THIS COMING WEDNESDAY: Oct. 5th, 7:00 p.m., Bill Miller will be here to present "The Malawi Project", a mission work in Africa.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Next Saturday, Oct. 8th, 8:30 a.m. at the Columbiana Church of Christ

PANTRY: Macaroni and cheese

SICK & SHUT-IN: At Home: Becky McKitrick, Russell Martin, Mike West, Barbara DeLong, Claudette Miller, Charlotte Mader (David Stefl's sister), Alex Harless, Cheryl Renfro Walker. **Fox, Pepperberry Suites, Chester:** David McCoy. **Weston, WV:** Rick Beck.

What Keeps Us From Worship?

From years ago, I remember this quote from a sermon: "All too frequently we let the slightest little thing keep us from worship." The preacher was commenting on those who let little things keep them from attending an assembly. I wonder if the same statement might have as much applicability to us who do attend. What are the factors that keep us from worshipping?

These three things certainly would:

- No thought of worship
- No heart to worship
- No will to worship

Our worship is hindered, if not stopped completely, when any of these factors is present. We need not focus on anyone else's failures on these points; our own are glaring enough. Because of that we must cultivate the mind that longs to worship God. We must tear down the barriers that keep us from openly expressing the feelings of our heart in a worship response. And we must exercise our will to worship even in the times when we're looking for an excuse to do otherwise.

Charles Wesley began one hymn poem with the thought, "O for a heart to praise my God." Give us that heart, Lord.

-Tom Chapin, via *Lifelines*, Church of Christ, Bella Vista, AR -

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