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## Is Jesus Seen in You?

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**TODAY'S READING:** 1 Corinthians 4

In today's reading, the apostle Paul describes the true nature of a follower of Jesus -- a servant. When we think about the term, *servant*, it brings to mind one who seeks to fulfill the will of another. In others passages Paul speaks of himself and those he championed in the ministry as bondservants. A *bondservant* is further down the social status ladder. As you can see, the apostles, followers of Jesus, were humbled beings. However, these humbled beings were stewards of the mysteries of God. The mysteries of God were hidden from the prophets and men of God before them. This supernatural spirit of God's grace gave the apostles greater means to teach and disciple others. People saw something different in the apostles.

This made me think about how people see me. Do they see something different? Do they see Jesus in me? Do they see someone who has mastered the world, material and personal wealth, or do they see someone who is humbled and meek who seeks the things of God? Do they see Jesus in me! That is a question we should all ask ourselves, as we examine ourselves in light of a bondservant for Christ. Someone may ask, what standard should one use to measure their standing in Christ among men? In the passage, the apostle Paul gives us his rendering, "like men sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men." The apostle Paul considered himself a fool for Christ's sake. My friends, are you a fool for Christ or a fool for the world. You see, you have to be one or the other. There is no straddling the fence. When the Lord returns He will see the motivations of the heart and people will be judged for the things that were done and not done on this side of heaven.

So what is the child of God to do? Paul gives us clarity of heart and mind in this regard, "be imitators of me...follow my ways in Christ." My friends, we are to be the modern-day bondservants of Jesus. Like Paul, we must know and understand that true strength is found in the understanding of our weaknesses in the flesh and our sufficiency in Christ Jesus. Allow Jesus to reign in and through you. Allow the fruit of His Spirit to be seen and experienced by others. This is what it truly means to be imitators of Christ. You must suffer for His sake, then exhibit the level of love that can only be manifested in you, through the Holy Spirit of God. Paul spoke to this as well in the passage, "when reviled, bless; when

persecuted, endure; when slandered, entreat." Therefore, let us love like Jesus loved and be imitators of Him who indwells us.

My friends, we are the people of God, His children. Let us not only talk about such things but let His power emanate in and through us. Paul again gives us great encouragement when he states "the kingdom of God does not consist in talk, but in power." We must allow the power of Christ Jesus to be readily seen in us! Please remember, Jesus came and dwelled among us by the authority of God, the Father. He enriched us by the manifestations of the Father's love through Him. Therefore, allow the power of His love to touch others through you. Let Jesus be seen in you!

Have a wonderful day as you walk with the Lord Jesus Christ.

**TOMORROW'S READING:** 1 Corinthians 5

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