

Simply Christ

Gospel Newsletter

Sharing the simplicity that is in Christ

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IN HIS SIGHT

If someone presents themselves to me as one who knows Christ, I accept them as one who knows Christ. They do not need to prove anything to me. I care not about denomination or background. "God has people where God has people." This does not mean that everyone who says they know Christ knows Christ. It simply means that I am not the one who sees into the heart of a person.

Sometimes I have met people who at first, did not appear very spiritual, but later I recognized what a precious walk they had with the Lord Jesus Christ. On the other hand, I have seen those who appear to be very spiritual, but are not. They know the religious things to say and they project an appearance of spirituality, but at some point you begin to realize they are just a religious shell. It is like Jesus said, *"for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness."* Matthew 23:27 It is always heart-breaking when I realize such a thing. I would always rather find out that someone was "more" than I realized, than to discover that they had just been putting up a spiritual act for men to see.

My point is, that for any of us, what we see is limited. That is unless the Lord allows us to see further than what someone presents themselves

to be. Sometimes he does, but sometimes he does not ...at least for a period of time. So no one should think that they have done a great thing if they successfully hide their real self from either you or me, even if they are standing right in front of us. Although we are redeemed, what we see is often limited by the natural seeing of the eyes.

Such is never the case with God. He is sight is not limited and he is never deceived. Paul writes, *“Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.”*

Hebrews 4:13 I always wonder why people think there are things about themselves that God cannot see. Much theology is built upon the premise that our sins are hidden from God because of the blood of Christ. I have heard many preachers assure us this is true, but I have never found anyone who can offer a single verse of scripture that says such a thing. The next time someone tells you that God cannot see your sin, ask them “Where in the bible does it say that?”

The phrase *“in his sight”* is used five time by the apostles in the scriptures. Each time it means to be standing directly in front of God. This tells us that it is not men that we are standing before, but God. Men do not always see things as they truly are. God always does. When the scripture tells us that Jesus reconciled you *“in the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight,”* Colossians 1:22 he is not saying that this is “ONLY the way God sees you.” It is saying that this is the way it will be for you, even as you stand directly before God who looks into the thoughts and intents of your heart. Christ has never made anyone to be a

hypocrite. When he washes the outside of the cup, he washes the inside also. Matthew 23:26

The apostle John told us, *“For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things. Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God.”* |

John 3:20-21 A person may have the praise and esteem of everyone around, but if their heart is not right, God who searches the hearts, knows their condition. On the other hand, another person may walk with a pure heart before God, but be reviled and vilified by others. This person can rejoice because they walk in the sight of God, and not just in the limited sight of men.

You can have a clean heart, a righteous spirit, and a holy life. Ezekiel 36:25-27 This is what Christ died to do in his people Hebrews 13:12, and it is to such a people the invitation to enter the holiest is given.

Hebrews 10:19-22 However, you will never have such a thing if you cherish what men see above what God sees. But, if you will be honest with God (and man) and believe this gospel of Christ, you can live and walk in the light of God where there *“is no darkness at all.”* | John 1:5-6