

## Looking Like Jesus

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### Colossians 3: 12 -17

Our definition of a disciple makes it imperative that we look like Jesus! And scripture teaches us to do just that!

To often as Christians we are known for what we are against – abortion, same-sex marriage, drugs and alcohol, pre marital sex and the list goes on. But should we not be known for what we are for – like Jesus! He came to show the Father’s love, grace, mercy, and forgiveness! So let’s look at this passage that shares with us what it means to look like Jesus!

#### 1. *Who we are!*

The elect of God – chosen for God’s glory

Holy – set apart to bring Him glory

Beloved – having experienced the Father’s love

Whose we are should help us in knowing Whom we serve!

#### 2. *What we look like!*

Just as clothes gives away a persons personality so should we put on the personality of Jesus!

- a. Tender mercies – a heart of compassion!
- b. Kindness – gentle and not harsh or overbearing
- c. Humility – knowing our weaknesses but living in God’s strength
- d. Meekness – gentle attitude in the face of opposition
- e. Longsuffering – bearing under over time
- f. Bearing with one another – giving place to differences
- g. Forgiving – letting offences go
- h. Love – Jesus heart attitude for all He did!

#### 3. *How we live!*

- a. The peace of Christ rules our heart. Not that there will be peace but that the peace that Jesus gives fills our heart to the point our lives are lived in calm assurance of God’s grace!  
The mark of Christ’s peace in our heart is Gratitude! When Jesus’ peace is filled our heart is we will be grateful for all that is going on around us!
- b. The Word of Christ is indwelling us – permeating our being to the place we are living out God’s word! We will be living in His wisdom and truth!  
The mark of the word indwelling us is that our lives will be a song to God!  
Psalms = His word being sung back to God! Hymns = sing the praise of the

- new things He is doing in our lives! Spiritual songs = spontaneous praise to God wherever we are!
- c. And everything we do or say is for the glory of God through the Son!  
All we do – every moment of the day is His!  
All we say – every word that proceeds out of our mouths is for His glory and the building up of others!  
Giving thanks to God the Father of all He has done by following Jesus and living like He does and looking like Jesus in our world!

So whom do you live for and what do you look like in your daily world? A revived Christ follower looks like Jesus and by God's grace so should each one of us that claims to be His!

Discussion:

1. What are you most known for by your personality?
2. Which one of the character qualities of Jesus do you pray for God to work into your life?
3. Does the peace of Christ describe your daily encounter with the world? Why or why not?
4. Does God's word lead your living?