



Christ-Likeness Or Religion

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For some time now the Lord has been speaking to my heart about the importance of Christ-likeness, individually and collectively.

The Word of God speaks much about it even if many do not preach about it.

We are called by God the Father not only to submit to Christ but also to emulate Christ.

As a young child I discovered this. It happened when the Lord started to reveal himself to me in his awesome glory. He got my full attention and I fell in love. It must have been the blessing of all the prayers of my grandparents and my parents that caused me to want to turn my life fully over to God, since religion was not something that I was ever interested in.

Ministers would come to the church where my father served as a pastor, but only the ministers that had a supernatural touch of God on them would catch my attention.

Ministers from the USA like Catherine Kuhlman and others would pray and speak words over me, and God would begin to give me a deep desire for more of the glory and power that I could see in their lives.

The apostle Paul spoke by the Spirit of God in 1 Corinthians 11:1 saying : **“Be ye followers of me even as I also am of Christ.”**

We need ministers that are Christ-like examples for the younger generation, for them to see and follow. Religion tells us to admire and speak well of Christ, but never to really worship, submit ourselves, or follow Him with all our hearts.

Jesus (Yeshuah) said : **“And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. (Matthew 10:38)**

This speaks of self-denial, and following after, and taking on the identity of Christ.

Religion would call this blasphemy, to even think that one could take on the identity of the one and only Savior of the world. Yes, He is the one and only Savior of the world, but **we are also called to be the body of Christ here in this world.**

Yeshuah ha Mashiach (the Anointed Savior) said in John 14:12, that the works that he did we shall do also, if we believe.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

The controversial side of this is, no doubt, the supernatural side of the life and ministry of Jesus.

This would mean that the believer should walk in supernatural power over demons, sicknesses, and all the works of the devil.

How is this possible?

The Word says: **Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. (Luke 10:19)**

The Father has legally given us authority like Jesus through his name, and we also have his anointing, and are led by his Spirit, as we submit our lives to His will of Christ-likeness, not just a boring life of religion.

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