

(1). "What do you think a Christian is like?"

Introd:- (1). Not easy und. what we think of each other. Usually too polite to say! Sometimes outspoken fellow will tell you exactly what thinks of you..and WE think he's rude.. bec. often something rude he says! Remember when new neighbor moved in..began pull heavy roller over lawn. Difficult. I jumped over hedge..went help. That man nearly had hysterics. Thought altogether too undignif. preacher jump hedge..pull... And I had surprise of life to find he thought like that.

(2). Then let's put this down clearly. When man becomes a X'n..remains human being..usually has regulation number of eyes, ears, arms, legs, lungs. Actually breathes same air..needs food, water, clothing, shelter..EXTERIOR remains largely unchanged. Makes mistakes..gets tired..sometimes cranky..nervous sick..weeps..laughs..and finally dies as other people do. The EXTERNAL change is future affair..Phil. 3:20-21a. Diff. bet. X'n..non-X'n be seen when X returns. In meantime.. II Cor. 4:16 Outwardly perishing like others..inwardly.....
Topic.

I. Diff. with most of us is that our estim. of people..outward

(a). Boy meets girl. "Nice!" Face, figure..But inside? Some never find out until married..find temper, meanness.... Just so..X'ns..sometimes look very ordinary..even drab..uninteresting. True. 1,000 people at garden party of royalty in Buck. Pal. will have more eleg. than 1,000 in church service. Often true local Rotary, Lion's club, Kiwanis will assemble more men of push and vigor than some X'n organization.

(b). God says so. I Cor. 1:26-29..Not MANY..some..few. Exterior view. But what God see? Some of those X'ns who look so drab to world are made white thru. blood of X. Those colorless ones seen by God in all glorious colours of imputed virtues of J.C. Principal char. of this group are heavenly Peter says: "A chosen generation, a royal priesthood".

(c). Great pic. of these facts in Ps. 84:3. Sparrows and swallows! Pic. of God's people. Sparrow is symbol of worthlessness..2 for farthing..5 for two farthings..valueless.. Yet sparrow found house at altar of Lord..Protec..care..home. Swallow symbol of restlessness..seemingly ever in flight. Yet found nest at God's altar. Restless? You may find...X'n Sparrows and swallows..with occasional eagle - God's people.

What then is real char. of X'n? How differ from non-X'n?

(a). Could you have told from outward appear. which of two thieves cruc. with L.J. on way to Heaven..or to Hell? No. Yet vast diff..inside. Listen to Paul as he quotes David.. Rom. 4:6-8..(from 32nd Psalm). NOW THAT IS WHAT X'N TRULY

LIKE.

He is person whose sins have been forgiven by God. He sinned..but God forgiven him. You cannot see that. It's inside. It's in heaven where books kept. But real..true..sure. May see evidence of it in joy he has..peace..content..confidence..changed life. (b). Not bec. he deserved it..earned it.."righteousness without works". Gift of God. X'n is man with sins forgiven. That word means "sent away".. "Blessed ~~xxx~~ is he whose iniquities are sent away". In our civiliz. when man committed crime, author. send the man away..with his sins..to jail. BUT GOD, IN HIS GREAT WISDOM, HAS MADE IT POSS. SEP. SIN FROM SINNER AND DEAL WITH THE TWO SEP. Man cannot sep. sin from sinner, and so locks sinner up. makes pay for sins. But God has taken sins from believer..put the on L.J.C., and on cross punished Him instead of sinner..sinner free

Conclus:- 1. Let me remind of O.T. story..illus this fact. Method of cleansing of leper..Levit. 14:4-7. Pic. of death and resurrec of Saviour..one bird typifying each. But think of leper. He saw that living bird rise..higher..until spot of scarlet against blue sky.. "I know. I am accepted by God..for blood being carried into heavens by free-flying bird". Ask X'n how he can know..rest assure that sins forgiven..he will point to fact that L.J. died for his sins on Calvary..shed blood..then on third day rose from dead..with marks of death on Him..ascended..carried blood into heavens before eye of God..The surety is there..and resurrec. is proof of sac. accepted. So when after resurrec. He showed disciples the marks of death..they were glad! "Blessed is the man whose iniquities are forgiven"! Are yours? Becoming X'n not matter of trying,, but simply trusting! 'Come..

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