

If you see me, you have seen He Who sent me

Can I dare make, or aspire to make this claim? And can you?

The CALL to the Christian, Kingdom of God life is a call to be like Jesus; to reveal Him. It is a call to let the Holy Spirit so transform, change and transfigure you and me that Jesus' life literally jumps out of our lives, as it were; that our lives proclaim and declare Him.

Paul wrote that God chose, predestined you and me to BECOME like His Son Jesus Christ; to be moulded and shaped into His likeness; to share inwardly His likeness. Paul used the image of a woman in labour pains to describe his travail and mission to see Jesus fully formed, developed and visible in the lives of any who embraces Him as Saviour and Lord. Christianity is a relationship; an identity – "to as many as received Him, He gave the power to be called the sons (and daughters) of God"; to become like Jesus, His first (albeit Begotten) Son.

Seriously embracing this primary, ULTIMATE call of IDENTITY; this call to a life and faith journey of transformation to Christ-likeness; of being an expression of Him, is a pre-requisite to the other (secondary) call of the Christian life – that of being His true and able REPRESENTATIVES, AMBASSADORS, MINISTERS ... His "DELEGATES": I have to agree to become like Him in order for Him to send me; I have to commit to increasingly grow to be like Jesus, for Jesus to send me, and reveal Himself, manifest His power and put His glory on display, thro' me.

The secret of Jesus' effectiveness as the Representative of God here on earth was His confidence in His identity, "I and My Father are one"; "If you have seen Me, you have seen the Father"; "Whoever believes in me, believes not just in me but in the One who sent me" In other words, I am like My Father. The Message Bible says He was "this one-of-a-kind God-Expression".

Also, He was sure He didn't send Himself; and in Who sent Him: "...I have never spoken on My own authority or of My own accord or as self-appointed, but the Father Who sent Me has Himself given Me orders [concerning] what to say ... So whatever I speak, I am saying [exactly] what My Father has told Me to say and in accordance with His instructions...".

Jesus intends you and me to have this same confidence in representing Him. He prayed to His Father, "just as You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world", and says to you and to me "as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you".

Says the King, to His Kid, today

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Prophetic Word: I see someone who can barely keep his eyes open; you are tired and weary; falling asleep, in slumber. Take time to rest; have a retreat, renew your strength and vision, clarify your call; and come back re-charged, convinced and ready. You can only do My work in a state of REST and alertness and confidence, says the Spirit of the Lord.