

When You Look Into The Mirror, What Does God See?

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1. Last week we looked in the mirror
 - a. But what did we see?
2. Do we see ourselves the way the world sees themselves?
 - a. More than likely, we do.
3. Yet the Bible gives us
 - a. A window into reality
4. Problem with the world is they have a difficult time accepting reality.
 - a. Largely because of their pride and arrogance
 - b. But as Christians, **we can accept this**
 - c. Last week, this is what we saw:
 - i. We **are** nothing
 - ii. We **know** nothing
 - iii. We **can do** nothing
 - iv. We can **produce** nothing
 - d. Unlike the world, we can accept these things
 - i. **Because** we acknowledge God
 1. God **is** everything
 2. God **knows** everything
 3. He **can do** everything
 4. He can **produce** everything
 - e. The world cannot accept these realities about themselves
 - i. **Largely because** the world rejects God
 - ii. **Or at least refuses** to acknowledge God
 - f. **Admitting** God's supremacy is offensive to the world
 - i. The world likes to think that they are the masters of
 1. their fate
 2. their destiny,
 3. their wisdom,
 4. their ability
 - g. Because our position is different from theirs
 - i. They consider us

1. Nieve
 2. Confused
 3. Disillusioned
 4. Weak
 5. Crippled emotionally
5. IN THIS WORLD, WE ARE LOOKED DOWN UPON.

1 Corinthians 4:9–13

“For it seems to me that God has put us apostles on display at the end of the procession, like men condemned to die in the arena. We have been made a spectacle to the whole universe, to angels as well as to men. We are fools for Christ, but you are so wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are honored; we are dishonored! To this very hour we go hungry and thirsty, we are in rags, we are brutally treated, we are homeless. We work hard with our own hands. When we are cursed, we bless; when we are persecuted, we endure it; when we are slandered, we answer kindly. Up to this moment we have become the scum of the earth, the refuse of the world.”

6. That is **who we are** in this world
- a. This is how **true Christians** are perceived
 - b. I’m **not** talking about those people
 - i. who call themselves Christians
 1. Who behave like Christians on Sundays
 2. But every other day of the week no one would have a clue that Jesus is plays the most significant part of their lives
 - c. I’m **referring to** those who are **genuine** Christians
 - i. And for those who **aren’t** embarrassed
 1. to profess their faith publicly,
 - ii. **calling out sin** where ever they encounter it
7. These people are just considered
- a. Just weird
 - b. Fanatical
 - c. Avoided

ILLUSTRATION

CBS News moderator Margaret Brennan publicly mocks Pete Hegseth's (Secretary of War) prayer for American troops.

SCUM

8. This is how the world sees genuine Christianity
9. BUT IS THAT REALLY WHO WE ARE?

John 15:19

“If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you.”

10. If you have been baptized into Christ, you **no** longer belong to this world

Colossians 3:1–3

“Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.”

11. WHEN YOU WERE BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

- a. You were **clothed** with Christ
- b. Jesus becomes **your covering**
- c. In fact, your life is now **hidden with Christ**

Galatians 3:26–28

“You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.”

12. Your new identity is that you are now **“Sons of God”**

1 John 3:1–3

“How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure.”

- a. Part of God’s eternal family
- b. When God sees you,
 - i. He sees the **perfection of Jesus Christ**
- c. He **doesn’t** see your flaws
 - i. **You may** see them
 - ii. **Others may** see them
 - iii. **You are** painfully aware of them
- d. BUT GOD NO LONGER SEES OUR SINFUL NATURE

1 Corinthians 6:9–11

“Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And that is what some of

you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.”

e. You've been

- i. Washed
- ii. Sanctified
- iii. justified

f. **The blood of Jesus**

- i. which you came into contact with
- ii. in your baptism
- iii. is what brings you into
- iv. the presence of God
 1. You are **no** longer a condemned sinner
 2. You are now **truly** “A Son of God”

13. In fact, the Bible says **you hold a special place** in God's kingdom

1 Peter 2:9

“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.”

- a. **Not only** have you been chosen
- b. You are a royal priest

14. What is a priest?

- a. Someone who **ministers on behalf** of God to other people
- b. We have been chosen to declare that
 - i. we are nothing
 - ii. and that God is everything
- c. THAT IS WHO WE ARE
- d. That is the **task we have been assigned**
 - i. To challenge how people perceive God
 - ii. To destroy the false notion that everybody goes to heaven
 - iii. Heaven and Hell are real
 - iv. God knows what best for our lives
 - v. His plan is the only plan that **works**

15. Problem for many people is they look back at their old life

Colossians 2:20

“Since you died with Christ to the basic principles of this world, why, as though you still belonged to it, do you submit to its rules?”

16. When Lot was told to flee from Sodom

- a. His wife looked back
- b. Instantly she turned into a pillar of salt
- c. Problem was not that she looked back
 - i. But her heart was attached to Sodom
 - ii. And not to what God was calling her to

17. Once we cross that threshold for God

- a. We can't look back
- b. There is nothing there
 - i. That is worth returning to
 - ii. Or at least not a momentary pleasure
 - iii. It won't last

Luke 9:62

“Jesus replied, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.”

18. We **cannot forget** what we've been called to:

- a. We are sons and daughters
- b. of the king of kings,
- c. the Lord of Lords,
- d. the Almighty God

19. God is our Father,

- a. Jesus is our brother.

20. **Our true home** is in the heavenly realms

21. The Apostle Paul was well **aware of this**

2 Corinthians 5:1

“Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.”

22. He writes before his execution:

2 Timothy 4:6–8

“For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time has come for my departure. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.”

23. The mirror which has the true reflection for every baptized disciple

a. Will reflect this:

Hebrews 12:22–24

“But you have come to Mount Zion, to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the judge of all men, to the spirits of righteous men made perfect, to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.”

Hebrews 12:28–29

“Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe,²⁹ for our “God is a consuming fire.”