

Seeing
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People say: "Seeing is believing" but is that really true? Jesus told those who were seeking Him after He had fed them with the fish and bread: "But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe." (Jn.6:36) Later also Jesus spoke of the great works He had done among them, that they had seen and yet hated Him. (Jn.15:24)

None of us alive today will ever see Jesus in the flesh and witness the mighty deeds He performed like He did back then but we are still compelled to believe in Him. Those great and awesome deeds were done so that all would know who He is. Jesus is still God the Son! (Jn.20:28-31)

Even though we are unlikely to see Jesus, even like Saul of Tarsus, we can see evidence of His indwelling His children thru the Holy Spirit. So what would that look like? Paul says the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control. (Gal.5:22-23) Don't be tempted to think that you see these things everywhere. True, you might see a form of them but not the quality that belongs to the Spirit.

We would all agree that we can find love or joy or peace, etc all around us but I think the fruit of the Spirit would look different. Love that is from the Spirit would show up where you would expect to find something else. Joy where joy has no place existing, peace even in conflict and turmoil. I am willing to believe the evidences of Jesus would show up where the world would fail in them and their counter parts.

James speaks of these evidences in relationship to wisdom that is from above. (Heaven) Again I believe the point is these qualities show themselves in places and times where the world would respond one way and God's children respond in peace and gentleness and mercy and sincerity. (James 3:17-18)

The litmus test of our growth and development in Christ Jesus as we mature is to find these Godly attributes showing up more frequently as His Spirit wins in His control over our lives. Striving to conform our lives to the leading of the Spirit will show Jesus to a world lost in its own sin. (Rm.8:14-15; Heb.12:14)

Jesus declared His being divine when He said: "I am" thus placing himself equal with the God of Abraham and Moses, the "I am" who still is. Jesus our Lord and God. Jesus is.