

# Your greatest sermon

## A “sermon” with few words!



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**Summary:** *Some sermons are simply mind-gripping great! But there’s a better “sermon” you are a part of that has little to do with the sermons preached from behind a pulpit. And yes, you and I are “preaching” these sermons every day. Are yours great sermons, or ones you’d rather do over? In this teaching, I talk about our most effective way to confess Christ – and preach a great sermon while we’re at it. But it’s a “sermon” with few words.*

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Welcome once again, children of God Most High and believers in the risen Son of God, Yeshua the Messiah (Jesus Christ).

So many of you are coming to this site from around the world, and I’m so glad the message is getting out that Yahweh – ABBA our dear father – is God of ALL the earth (Joshua 3:11,13; Zech 6:5). And his majesty, Yeshua the Son of God our Savior died “to take away the sins of the WORLD” – not just the Jews (John 1:29). And God so loved the WORLD (John 3:16) that he did all this for all mankind.

So I love knowing that people from Russia, Brazil, the Philippines, China, and Japan are coming here, plus folks from all *over* the world, as well as USA, Canada, Britain and Europe. Pray with me that more people from Israel and the Muslim countries will find this site too. God is calling many of them to salvation as well. Wouldn’t that be so exciting!?!

Last week I recorded a sermon talking about how **we can’t be secret believers in Christ anymore**. I want to take off from there and talk about a way to confess Christ that is so powerful, and it’s a way with few words! First let’s do a quick recap of the main points from last week:

- Confessing Christ is what we are all *called* to do. It’s not just for ministers!
- When Christ indwells our minds and hearts, the Holy Spirit gets excited and urges us to tell others about Him. Not so much about new doctrines or beliefs, but about HIM, about Christ.
- I gave some examples and stories of how we get these urgings but we too often resist the Holy Spirit’s prodding and say nothing.

- Included in that sermon were examples of so many others who just *had to* spread the word. Andrew – found and told Peter the good news (John 1:40-41). Levi/Matthew called in all his friends to have them meet this wonder man, the Messiah – Yeshua. Then the believers in Jerusalem who were scattered after Stephen's stoning, "went everywhere preaching the word." (Acts 8:4). *They didn't feel they should just leave it to the ministers to talk about Jesus.*
- There are numerous verses that tell us we've been called to "proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light". (1 Peter 2:9). We must never ever be ashamed of the good news of Christ (Romans 1:16), but sometimes we act like we're ashamed to talk about him, or being known as a believer in Jesus Christ, or Yeshua the Messiah as I often say.

**WHY we needed that message last time:** If we feel ashamed to confess the Messiah, he says he won't confess us before God either. Eternity is at stake. That's not over stating it.

But now to this sermon – which is really about making our confession of Christ be SO much more effective. So many times our speaking about Christ is muted by various things. We either don't respond to the urgings of the Spirit to lovingly and gently bring Him up in certain cases (like the case of the lady whose daughter had been in a horrific accident, that I spoke about in the last sermon), or we overdo it and turn people off.

**Don't rush to preach with words.** Confess Christ – yes, but be careful about going beyond that. Remember that preachers, ministers and speakers will have the tougher judgment, because they're supposed to know better. This can keep me awake at night at times thinking about that. That scares me as a speaker, because I still have the pulls of the flesh like anyone else. Too many of us, especially when we're younger, want to rush to be a preacher. God cautions us on this:

**James 3:1-2**

***"My brethren, let NOT many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment. 2 For we ALL stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body."***

**But the main way we do "preach" every single day is through... our LIVES.** And please believe me; I'm SO aware of this and how far short I fall in this point. That's in fact why I'm giving this message, as I always start by preaching at myself. This is a study for ME that I'm sharing with all of you.

Just think of your children when they were growing up in your home: we could tell them all kinds of things but as they hit age 7-9-10 and older, they begin to see areas of our lives where WE aren't doing the things we've told them they must be doing. Our bed doesn't get made. Or our desk is messy – and yet we're asking them to tidy up their room. And horrors, they catch dad – you -- drinking from the juice bottle or milk jug right out of the fridge! And it gets worse from there.

It starts with these "little things" and inconsistencies that probably we've all been guilty of.

We teach them to obey the law – and they see us driving 75 in a 65 mph zone (100 km zone). We teach them to respect authority – and then they hear us slamming our president (I'm not a fan, but we must respect their office). Or worse, they find out dad or mom has committed adultery, or lied to get a job. You catch the drift.

And frankly, I think this one of the biggest reasons we don't have more of our young people sticking with the church they grew up with: they've heard and seen too much negative and too much hypocrisy. Two out of 3 of *our* children are active in the church still, but they all heard and saw way too much discussion about when we were leaving one group and joining another – and the pain, the acrimony, the things said by so many adults, all took its toll.

**Our actions, our lives, speak louder than our words.** *Our example is going to make God and his teachings either more attractive or totally unattractive.* Have you ever thought of it that way? So they leave “the church” – though they loved the people, made friends and in their hearts they know better. The Church should be more like a hospital where the spiritually sick should be able to get well – rather than a prison, or a morgue, or a museum of perfect saints.

Here's a scripture about LIVES being an adornment to what we have to say:

**Titus 2:9-10**

“Exhort bondservants to be obedient to their own masters, to be well pleasing in all things, not answering back, 10 not pilfering, but showing all good fidelity, **that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things.**”

*Does your conduct adorn the teachings about God? Or are our actions speaking so loudly that people can't hear what we're saying – and don't want to hear what we're saying?*

Our *lives* should make God's way attractive to others to want to learn more – because of the way we are as people.

**(Hear on audio: Story about the three sisters in one church area.** The other sisters wanted to experience what they were witnessing in their other sister's changing life.)

So many are good preachers. They know the Bible well. They can quote scriptures. They do talk about spiritual things every chance they get – but they turn people OFF by being too pushy, or by their own misconduct. So let's talk about how our LIVES can make the things we say about God and Christ more palatable and even attractive.

**CAUTION: PAST misconduct can have lingering effects**

Many of us, if we are honest, have some sordid things in our past - - if everyone could have seen every moment of your life and every thought and action you've had. Times of infidelity to God and spouse. Times when we lost our cool, shouted out some very unChristian language at someone who ticked us off. You get the drift. Or, frankly – our inaction, when we did nothing to help comfort a grieving soul who could have used a 10 minute phone call or a visit. So our actions and inaction can leave a good or bad taste for God and His Way.

**OK, so we blew it. Does that mean we can't be a witness any longer? Far from it. ALL the best witnesses, every single one of them, have been repentant**

**sinner**s, including me, including you. “In Christ,” there IS NO MORE condemnation for those who come to him (Romans 8:1). None. You died to sin (Romans 6:11). Maybe PEOPLE will continue to condemn you – but move on. God – who is the One who counts – doesn’t condemn. He accepts you. In fact the most righteous man to walk the earth was known as a “friend of sinners” – of those others despised.

Mary Magdalene had 7 demons that had been cast out. Can you imagine the discussions when people heard *she* was the first one to see and touch the risen Messiah? How much credibility do you think she had in some circles? Then we have Matthew and Zacchaeus, who had been cheating tax collectors. Peter used awful profanity as he denied his Savior (Matthew 26:74). Moses, Paul and others were murderers – but GOD used them anyway. David was an adulterer and murderer – and we still read his Psalms today.

And folks, I hope you won’t say to Bathsheba when you meet her in the resurrection: “Oh, I know you. Aren’t you the woman who caused so many problems for King David?” First of all, there’s not a hint in scripture that she bore the blame at all, but David did. Instead it would be nice to say, “I’m SO honored to meet you ma’am; the mother of the Messianic line of kings all the way to Yeshua.”

**I find it so inspiring that in HEBREWS 11 – the Faith chapter— nothing negative is said about those heroes.** Take Samson, for example. Or David. That chapter simply lists them in the Hall of Fame of Faith, how they ended up, and not all their stumbles getting there. Isn’t that wonderful? Almost nothing bad is said about them.

***God sees how we END UP – in Christ – covered by HIS righteousness.***

### **Hebrews 11:32-35**

“And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: 33 who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, 34 quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. 35 Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection.”

So we can be a new creation. But, if our RECENT history is one of profound ongoing unrepented sin as a way of life – you cannot and will not be effective when we confess our Savior and *neither will you be in the kingdom of God, for that matter if your PATTERN doesn’t change.*

On the other hand, someone – no matter how vile or evil in the past –when someone vile repents, turns around and changes, now that can even be *more* effective than any television evangelist speaking, I promise you. But still, there will still be some who will remember only how bad you were and not let you rebuild your life in Christ. *That’s their problem.*

Yeshua (Jesus) called ordinary men and women to follow him. But with his love and power – and later with the Holy Spirit – they were transformed into people who rocked this whole world and changed it forever. *Those days are not over.* That can be your story and my story too. Whoever you are, no matter your past, if you move on with Christ and people see

the light of Christ in you and your life, in your marriage, in your relationships and conduct at work – then when you speak, it will have meaning.

**Example: the lady on the plane** I spoke about last time. What if I had been rude or unkind to her as she was trying to find a seat? But that wasn't the case. I saw her struggling to find a seat and I motioned to her that I had a spare seat, then helped her with her carry-on luggage. I spoke kindly to her the whole time. Then when she revealed her broken heart, I had some credibility. But had I been rude and uncaring, could I have witnessed about Christ and his healing?

You can have a bumper sticker that speaks of Christ – but if you give people the one-finger salute every time you get upset in traffic – which speaks louder? Your finger, or your bumper sticker?

If you're a Type A person, as I am – it's easy to get very impatient with people. Well, we've been called to become a new creation, something we were not before. So those of us who were once impatient, unkind, and brash with our foul mouth – time to clean up. I'm talking about CHANGING. Some people seem to be born as "nice people". I'm not talking about that. I'm talking about when we have to change.

**Example of my college friend:** Let me tell you about a college friend I have who is like a brother to me. We were best friends in college. We hadn't seen each other for 40 years, then came together at a high school reunion. My old buddy was a chain smoking, F-word dishing talker. I actually had to tell him several times I did not want to hear that kind of foul language coming out of him.

Next time I talked with him much, he had remarried (first wife had died). He said she was a born-again believer who was introducing him to Christ. I jokingly told him he better clean up his foul mouth then. He then said: "she led me to Christ, and Philip, I have not said a single F word or other profanity since then. Jesus cleaned up my mouth somehow."

And I've spent days with him since then, and I've found that to be true. I didn't assail what I figured were his doctrinal errors – but rather was pleased to see the genuine change. But just a couple years ago, he was a non-stop foul-mouthed talker. But what a radical and inspiring change! He's always had a great heart for people. He's always shared whatever he can when he can. But now Christ was cleaning him up from the inside out. And how beautiful that is to see. It's SO apparent, that now when he speaks of Christ, it has power and meaning. God be praised. Hallelujah.

**Another example:** Around 12 or so Christian men were on their way to a Men's Retreat to learn how to be better men, better husbands and better Christians. It was getting late, so they all checked into a motel on the way to the Retreat. It was late into the night and so they all went to their rooms and to bed. The next morning, as they were enjoying the motel's free continental breakfast, they started talking to the proprietor about what they were doing, and who they were, and how they would love to talk to him about Jesus.

The proprietor said, "No thanks, fellas. You TALK to me about your changed life, but every single one of you last night checked into the Pay per View ADULT channels

and watched serious pornographic movies into the early morning hours. (The men stood there stunned, but silent – for what could they say?). If you men were for real, that would have never happened. I wouldn't mention this if only 1-2 of you had done this, but since all of you did this.... Well, you see my point, don't you?"

So I ask each of you: what DO you watch on TV? Where do you go and what do you do when you think nobody will know? What is your day-to-day conduct like? How do you speak to others who are taking too much of your time? How honest is your tax return?

Are you and I living the word of God? Are our lives preaching the BEST sermon ever, moment by moment?

When Christ really comes into us, if we're seeking him in prayer and study each day – and talking with him many times a day because our lives have become "the house of Prayer" and a temple of sacrifice to God – when that happens, our lives will be changing and we will be effective as we get around to speaking about our Savior some time later.

### **RESPONDING TO God's call to BE HIS NEW CREATION**

Frankly my life didn't change all that much for many years. Many people change beliefs or doctrines, or quit eating shrimp and pork and start keeping sabbath. ALL of that is great and is important. But the change I speak of is the kind from the inside out. Changing what we ARE, not just what we believe.

I think for many of us, that change occurs for REAL when we have our "Come to Jesus" moment – like Paul did in Acts 9. He was literally knocked off his white horse when the Son of God asked this well-known rabbi what on earth he was doing!?

What an awesome change he made. Millions have been impacted by Paul's deep epistles and his God-given insights.

Or like **Peter** – after realizing how badly he had denied his best friend, his master, his Savior. Wow, what a change! In Acts 2, 3, 4 we find this man who had denied his Lord now preaching and speaking with power in HIS NAME.

**How about the Samaritan lady at the well in John 4.** She came to get water at noon, when it was hot and she reckoned nobody else would be there, as she was so ashamed and so despised. But Someone showed up. His Majesty, the Son of God, Savior of the world, Savior of murderers, harlots and drunkards – and savior of people who look good but still are sinners. HE was there.

After a few minutes with him, she had to run back into the town and tell everyone to come meet this incredible Jew at the well, where she had left her bucket. She had to share. And there was something NEW and undeniably true and resonant in her heart and voice – and so many came to believe in Christ by the end of their two days in that town where Jacob's well was.

And then there's YOU. And me.

Some of us have troubled pasts. We are those who believe **2 Cor 5:21** – that Christ “became sin for us, that WE might become the righteousness of God in Him”.

It’s when people can start to see the light of the Son of God shining through you in every action, every word, and every deed – and even when we fail, as you and I will from time to time, they see us repent, get back up and get back in the race again.

I believe it can be the hard times of our lives that make us “real”; that change us. The pain of losing our daughter or son because we angered them or hurt them so much... the pain of a sin we have done and the ruined lives it has caused. That anguish – that changes us. That makes us grow up. *That’s what makes us a good preacher*. NOT the words we say, but the **NEW LIFE** we show in His Majesty, the Son of God, Yeshua the Messiah.

### WHAT THE NEW CREATION LOOKS LIKE

I gave a sermon recently on the New Creation we are in Christ. Hopefully we can start replacing The Old Nature with the New Creation. It’s time to really bury that old self and let God start be evident in each of our lives.

#### **Ephesians 4:17-32**

“This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, 18 having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; 19 who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

20 But you have not so learned Christ, 21 if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: 22 that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, 23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and ***that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.***

Now in the next few verses, God not only tells us to *quit* the bad things but to start being and doing the good “new creation” life. Don’t just quit stealing, for example – but work so you can have some money to be generous with the needy. Let’s continue in Eph 4:25 -32.

25 Therefore, putting away lying, "Let each one of **you speak truth** with his neighbor," for we are members of one another. 26 "Be angry, and do not sin": do not let the sun go down on your wrath, 27 nor give place to the devil. 28 Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need. 29 Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary *edification*, that it may *impart grace* to the hearers. 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31 Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. 32 And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

Paul is simply describing the life of Yeshua being lived inside of us. The grace of the New Covenant goes beyond “thou shalt not steal” – to “HEY—get a job, make some money, so you can give away some of what you have. SHARE what you have.” You see the contrast? If you’re on the dole, can you do something to get off welfare and have something to share?

It goes beyond “Don't murder” – to now – give LIFE to one another by being kind and tenderhearted. You’re not condemning or judging people anymore. That’s God’s job – and HE’s merciful. By being kindhearted, we’re *giving life* to people. This is a great sermon we preach when we’re kind and forgiving to people. Start at home with your wife or husband. Cut a lot of slack. Don't be finding fault with every little mishap from your kids or your wife. I’m working on this still too.

You know what? Many people, most people, have so many wounds, hurts and burdens they carry about that the rest of us just have NO IDEA about. So that’s why we need to be KIND to one another, forgiving one another, gentle with one another.

The law says “don’t bear false witness” and now we go beyond: we now say what imparts grace to the hearers; words that edify.

So as we grow in these, people start feeling like the Messiah’s life is evident in yours. Now you’re preaching in a good way – by your life. You’re letting your light shine, and this glorifies our heavenly father.

The New Creation is Yeshua, the Messiah. The New Creation looks like Christ. The New Creation IS Christ growing in you.

***The problem with each of us – let me use me, and my name, but you put your name in there: Is there is too much Philip in Philip, and not enough Christ?***  
That’s why we must seek the Christ UNTIL He is FULLY formed in us (Galatians 4:19).

The more we focus on our Leader Yeshua the Messiah, the more we connect with Jesus Christ throughout the day and ask him to manifest himself in our changing lives, the more people will see and experience the new creation happening in us. That’s basically what **2 Cor. 3:17-18** says. *And the more we focus on sins we’re trying to overcome, the more we’ll find they remain a problem*. So focus on the Solution, not on the problem. Focus on the Author and Finisher of our faith, and not our failures. Focus on our Champion, and not on our defeats – and we’ll see real change happen.

**Whatever and whomever we focus on will grow in our lives.** So scripture teaches us to focus on our Savior – not on ourselves. When we focus even on the sins we want to overcome, we’re focusing on ourselves. Have you realized that before? Paul explains in Romans 7 that sin seemed to have *more* power when he focused on the sin. But the One who would deliver him from all that was Jesus – Yeshua the Messiah.

So what does the New Creation look like? Christ in you is the New Creation. More of him, and less and less of you and me.

**The PASSOVER ATTITUDE OF FORGIVING AND LETTING PEOPLE MOVE ON**



Those who are NOT changing into the New Creation inadvertently may be doing the Devil's work. Satan" means "Adversary" or the enemy. "Devil" means "Accuser". Satan is the accuser of the brethren. People who spend time accusing brethren are not of God. They love to dredge up even old sins forgiven by our Savior in his blood - - and keep putting them out there. True children of God will recognize immediately this is not of God. "He who covers a transgression seeks love" – Proverbs 17:9. "Hatred *stirs up strife*, but love covers all sins" -- Proverbs 10:12. Of course that's what the day of Atonement is all about. The word "atonement" is from *Kippur* – meaning to cover, or covering. It's the day our sins are covered by the blood of the goat killed for the nation. Then ALL our sins are taken away, pictured by the sins being confessed on the other goat that was visibly taken away from the camp. Jesus is the one who "takes away the sins of the world" (John 1:29). NO ONE else does that.

So a life that exemplifies this same Passover attitude towards one another is another example of living your sermons. Have nothing to do with those who wish to be talebearers. Don't listen to them and don't become one yourself. Don't give them an audience. Proverbs 11:13 says "A talebearer reveals secrets; but he who is of a faithful spirit conceals a matter."

True children of God let a repentant sinner back into their fellowship – as Paul commanded in **2 Corinthians 2**. Especially if we're talking about sins from years ago! Yeshua removed all condemnation from the woman in adultery *within minutes* of the act (John 8). He even asked Father to forgive all those people who had crucified him and were reviling him – even *before* they repented! They were *still doing the bad stuff* when he asked for their forgiveness. Of course he understood that they didn't really realize what they were doing (1 Cor. 2:8; Luke 23:34; Acts 3:17).

So Christ in you, the New Creation, will want to be merciful, forgiving, and showing a "neither do I condemn you" attitude as Christ had. Remember that the STANDARD of judgment we use – will be the same standard used against us (**Matthew 7:1-2**). Those who are preaching a good sermon with their LIVES are people who are KIND, gentle, forgiving, and are NOT passing on gossip or rumor or even fact, if it's something past and forgiven by God.

#### **Romans 14:4**

*"Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master [Christ] he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand."*

**Read that a couple times. God is able to make stand this person we are judging!**

You're really changing when your own family – your wife or husband – or children – notice you're nicer, sweeter, kinder, less worried, more considerate, and they see you serve more. If we're letting the risen Christ LIVE in us we indeed WILL be changing. It is Christ they see. We will become more and more gracious, more upbeat, nicer, sweeter, happier people. We'll be less anxious, less worried, and more and more at peace.

If you failed with your marriage, be kinder and nicer to the opposite sex now. If you failed with your children and wish it could have been better, start over NOW: show them a

different dad or mom right now, even if they're already in their 30's and 40's. Certainly live the new creation that you are-- with your grandchildren.

AT WORK – be aware you're on display if people hear you're a Christian. We're not participating in the dirty jokes, or the office gossip. Instead we are known as the one with the gentle and uplifting tongue. And yes, I'm preaching at myself too. Maybe we all could control our tongues better.

How about finding ways each day to use your tongue to make someone feel good? Why not take just two-three minutes to compliment someone for being good at what they do.

At a recent motel I was in – went back, owner was there, and took time to tell him about Katie – his new hire (explained in audio of this sermon). She just beamed. I left wondering why I don't do that more often. So we're not constantly finding fault with everything and everyone – but letting some things just slide but focusing on what they're doing right.

And in any case, our perfection is finalized for good when the last trump sounds and we're either resurrected or changed – and our corruptible nature puts on the incorruptible (1 Cor. 15:50) perfect nature made in the image of Christ. I can't wait. At that time you and I will be presented blameless, without spot or wrinkle – for WE died, and OUR lives are really part of the one body of Christ (Colossians 3:3).

And that's another thing: focus on the true body of Christ – the brethren led by God's Spirit – and quit focusing on man-made organizations and incorporated church groups. The "Church" is the band of people led by God's spirit. Period. Whoever and wherever they are. Start enjoying them. There are more out there than you might have thought. They're not just concentrated in your local church or fellowship!

If we're doing it perfectly, someone should be able to point to you and say to someone, "If you want to know what Jesus was like, and IS like – just go watch Joe over there. Christ really lives in him."

Let's wrap up by reading how we must now live as people dead to sin and alive in Christ.

**Romans 6:8-19**

8 Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, 9 knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. 10 For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. 11 Likewise you also, reckon **yourselves to be dead indeed to sin**, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. 13 And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. 14 For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

15 What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not! 16 Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?

17 But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. 18 And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. 19 I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness.”

Remember, God has taken up residency in your body and lives in you through His Holy Spirit. You are now the “*naos*” – the inner sanctuary of the temple, the Holy of Holies—where God's *shekinah* glory should be on display. And You and I should be ultra-aware that our lives are sacred ground due to His Presence. Everything we do and say should be the way you would live if you could SEE His Majesty, the Son of God, right there beside you all the time. After all, He IS there – inside you by His Spirit. What you see, he sees. What you say, he hears. What you think, he knows. We should be daily crucifying the old self in him, with him, and letting HIM shine through.

When our *lives* are the sermon, then when we DO say something spiritual, it rings true. Then when we confess Christ, the response is “Why of course; that only makes sense”.

THIS is the greatest “sermon” we can deliver: Our changing lives. That comes when we submit to the New Creation in Christ and let God change us and help us to stand.

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