



Are You Truly Reflective of Christ?

Discussion Topic for the
7 @ 7 Prayer & Bible Study:
[Every seventh day of the month
beginning at 7 pm.]

2025

As believers, we are committed to periodically examining our own lives to ensure that we are living a life reflective of the LORD JESUS Christ.



We must ask:

Are we keeping the LORD's commandments?

Are we obeying His statutes? Are we living Holy?

Answering these questions is necessary

because the LORD encourages us in

1st Peter 1:16, *“Be ye Holy for I am Holy”*

But what happens when our lives don't truly reflect Christ, although we claim to be Christ Like?



- *Are there consequences?*
- *Does this please God?*
- *Does the Bible give us guidance here?*

*In a lesson given to the **IBW NEOH/NWPA District**, during our monthly 7 @ 7 Prayer, Devotion, and Bible Study, Bishop Jerry Jackson, provides the following perspective.*

Bishop invites us to consider this question by exploring (five) 5 key points of interest:



- I. What are the Causes of Misrepresentation?
- II. What it means to be a Child of GOD”
- III. What is a “New Creature”?
- IV. Is there Redemption in Christ?
- V. What are the Warnings?

Point I: Causes of Misrepresentation

Part (A) Complacency



***Complacency** is a key issue for those who are misrepresenting themselves as Children of GOD.*

Complacency is spiritual apathy, or false assurance and reliance on oneself, which makes us vulnerable to sin.

*Even though we know to do good works and live a good life - we don't. **“Knowing to do good and not doing it is sin”**. We are complacent and this demonstrates a lack of faith, and of course, **“faith without works is dead”**.*

James 4:17; James 2:17

Point I: Causes of Misrepresentation

Part (B) Shame



Shame is a place some people find themselves in and have a hard time rebounding from when they are not living a genuine life.

The only path they see forward is to fake it until they are exposed.

The result of being exposed for trying to be something or someone you are not can have devastating, even deadly consequences.

Matthew 27:1-5

Point I: Causes of Misrepresentation

Part (C) Lack of Prayer



Without **Prayer** it is difficult to demonstrate a Christ like life. Having a life of prayer is usually manifested in our lifestyle.

Prayer allows for the working of the Holy Ghost and the building of our most holy faith as a mean by which we remain consistent in our walk.

When we lack prayer in our lives we could fall. It is then we must look to the one true and wise GOD who is able to keep us from falling.

Jude vss. 20-25

Point I: Causes of Misrepresentation

Part (D) Looking Back



Often those who profess Christ, find themselves **looking back (tempted)** by a life of sin and shame they once lived.

Being steadfast, committed, and determined is necessary, even when the work or life's struggles seem insurmountable.

*It is one thing to fall short or to not be qualified for the kingdom. It's another to not be **FIT** for the kingdom because of looking back.*

Luke 9:62

Point I: Causes of Misrepresentation

Part (E) Bad Company



There is great danger in mingling with those who look and act like the world and speak as if they are of the world.

Satan's tactic is to make truth look like a lie and the lie look like truth.

Our mannerisms can not be corrupted by those things or people that masquerade as Children of God.

I Corinthians 15:33

Point II WHO ARE THE CHILDREN OF GOD?



Being shepherded and guided by the Holy Spirit is more than a proclamation it is an affirmation that we are operating in the will of GOD.

Everything in our life, even our own spirit reflect the Spirit of GOD. It is then we become joint-heirs.

Romans 8:14-17

Ref. Rom. 12:1-2,

John 1:12

Point III WE ARE NEW CREATURES IN CHRIST



To reflect Christ, we must sanctify ourselves (which is to set aside ourselves from the model of this world) and seek after holiness.

Because we are His temple, we must rid ourselves of old, decayed and corrupted things, and reconcile with GOD, by being spiritually transformed to a NEW CREATURE, (Creation).

I Corinth. 3:16-17

Ref. II Cor 5:17

Isa. 42:8-9

Point IV. REDEMPTION



Just as it is with a blood transfusion, when our lives are contaminated, the LORD can and will “restore such a one in the spirit of meekness”, by and through His grace.

Ephesians 1:7

Ref. Gal. 1:4; Gal. 6:1

Ps. 119:9

Point V. THIS COMES WITH A **WARNING**



Misrepresentation is really hypocrisy in the form of a lie. The LORD is not pleased with people who are not authentic believers – and pose as if they are. In fact, the LORD will say “depart” and profess that HE NEVER KNEW YOU!

Matthew 7:21-23
Ref. Rom. 1:25-32;
Matt. 12:43-45



END OF LESSON