

More Like You

Last Friday evening, I had the honor of leading in a gospel singing in Mauriceville and we decided to base the singing around the topic of "Jesus Saves". We sang songs about His sacrifice, about His love for us, and about His life on Earth. One of my selections was a hymn that you see above and the lyrics read:

More like You, Jesus, more like You. Fill my heart with your desire to make me more like You.

Lord, You are my mercy, Lord, You are my grace. And all my deepest sins have forever been erased.

Draw me in Your presence, lead me in Your ways. I long to bring You glory in righteousness and praise.

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When we pray, when we live out of lives each day, do we strive to be more like Jesus in all aspects of our life? It was the apostle Paul who wrote in Philippians 3:7-10, "But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, and be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death." Paul also wrote in Colossians 3:12, 14, and 17, "Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering ... And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness ... And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him."

In being more Christ-like, we need to keep these verses in our minds and hearts, that no matter what come our way, nothing is worth more than Christ, and by us suffering here on this Earth for the short time that we are here is worth what He was willing to do for us and by doing so, we will know the power of His resurrection ... that as we know about Christ in His life, we embodied what we read in Colossians. We should embrace mercy, kindness, and love for others. We should proudly be meek and humble to all around us and should be longsuffering to those who have done us wrong. Then above all else, everything that we do and say should be for Christ as we are to be lights of the world so that the world may see Christ shining bright through us (Matthew 5:13-16). I hope and pray all of us take these words to heart and apply them so that we will one day be with Him forever.

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