

Evidence, Part III

We're not just the messengers.

We're living proof that what the Bible says about Jesus is true.

We provide the world with all the evidence necessary to repent and trust in Jesus Christ for salvation.

-We Love: *Agapé, God's kind of love.*

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.””

John 13:34-35 NKJV

“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.”

I John 4:7-8 NKJV

““You’re familiar with the old written law, ‘Love your friend,’ and its unwritten companion, ‘Hate your enemy.’ I’m challenging that. I’m telling you to love your enemies. Let them bring out the best in you, not the worst. When someone gives you a hard time, respond with the energies of prayer, for then you are working out of your true selves, your God-created selves. This is what God does. He gives his best—the sun to warm and the rain to nourish—to everyone, regardless: the good and bad, the nice and nasty. If all you do is love the lovable, do you expect a bonus? Anybody can do that. If you simply say hello to those who greet you, do you expect a medal? Any run-of-the-mill sinner does that. “In a word, what I’m saying is, Grow up. You’re kingdom subjects. Now live like it. Live out your God-created identity. Live generously and graciously toward others, the way God lives toward you.””

Matthew 5:43-48 MSG

-We Live For Jesus, Not Ourselves:

“Here’s how we can be sure that we’ve truly come to know God: if we keep his commands. If someone claims, “I have come to know God by experience,” yet doesn’t keep God’s commands, he is a phony and the truth finds no place in him. But the love of God will be perfected within the one who obeys God’s Word. We can be sure that we’ve truly come to live in intimacy with God, not just by saying, “I am intimate with God,” but by walking in the footsteps of Jesus.”

1 John 2:3-6 TPT

“I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.”

Galatians 2:20 NKJV

A.W. Tozer, 20th Century Pastor/Author
“People who are crucified with Christ have three distinct marks:

- 1. they are facing only one direction,***
- 2. they can never turn back, and***
- 3. they no longer have plans of their own.”***

-We're Led By The Holy Spirit

“Those who are dominated by the sinful nature think about sinful things, but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit think about things that please the Spirit.

But you are not controlled by your sinful nature. You are controlled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of God living in you. (And remember that those who do not have the Spirit of Christ living in them do not belong to him at all.) For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.”

Romans 8:5, 9, 14 NLT

-WE LAST UNTIL THE END:

“For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end,”

Hebrews 3:14 NKJV

“And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight— if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard,”

Colossians 1:21-23 NKJV

**The evidence of God’s Love,
His Life in us,
His Leadership by the Spirit,
and His Power to make it last for a lifetime.**