

Communing with Christ

Through Serving Others

Matthew 25:40

Introduction

The privilege of communing with Christ is beyond description. As we reflect on what He has done for us and who He is to us, our hearts long for closeness with Him. So, the more time we spend with Jesus, the more of a change in our lives become evidenced. **For, when we commune with Christ, we unconsciously take on the character of Christ.**

The parable of the Sheep and Goats provides a few takeaways for the care that communing Christians should show others.

Our service to others should reflect the actions of Jesus.

- It is enough that Jesus came to the earth to secure our salvation, but while on earth, He also sympathetically cared for the needs of others.
- The proof of Jesus' love for humanity was seen in His interactions with them. The same should be said of us as His visible representations on the earth.
- Our expressions of love towards Jesus are discernible when we care for others.
- As we go about life, we should see the face of Christ in every person in need.

Our service to others should be second-nature occurrences.

- The care that we give others should come as naturally to us as breathing.
- Communing with Christ cultivates the uncalculating care for those in need around us. We see a need, and we attempt to meet it!
- The reliance on the Holy Spirit is essential in our decision to help those in need. As we commune with Christ, we will instinctively know when and how to be involved.

Our service to others should be subtle in its execution.

- The "righteous" in Jesus' parable were not aware of their impact in serving others.
- Their motivation was to help others in need with no other agenda.
- Our motivation should likewise not be the applause of others but for the good of others and the glory of God.

Conclusion

To reflect the character of Christ is the ultimate sign of communing with Him. One of the most significant ways to commune with Christ is by serving others. For when we serve others, we are most like Christ.

We may not be aware of how much we are like Him. So, what a surprise it will be to hear Jesus says, “Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world!”

What is the Holy Spirit speaking to you through this message?

How will you respond to what He is revealing to you?

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