

Seeing Is Believing

We have often heard it said that it is better to believe without seeing. But what most people don't understand is that, seeing is the first step to believing.

“ Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.” John 20:29

“I came into this world...so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind.” John 9:39

One could debate for hours upon these scriptures and their wording, but look to the meaning of what they really say. It takes a certain amount of belief to be open to what you are seeing; like when you see someone perform a selfless act, you might be skeptical of possible ulterior motives. It takes faith to believe in order to see Christ in others. It takes even greater faith to truly believe what you are seeing.

When Jesus says blessed are those who believe but do not see, He is talking about those who do not need a fancy miracle or proof of God's existence. Seeing is believing only when you are seeing through your heart.

**“...a Christian should not be ashamed but glorify God because of the name.”
1 Peter 4:16**

“Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ.” John 17:3

People are longing to believe, but many have never witnessed true faith in action. In order for someone to believe, they must see Christ in you. They long to see the life of Christ and they long to see it in you. Those who turn their hearts from Christ's presence in you, refuse to believe, because they do not want to believe. And there are those who even if they experience a miracle will still not believe, because they have not opened their heart to see and believe.

We are called to be Christ, true Christians to the world so that they may know the love of God and proclaim His love by their lives.

Go make disciples of all nations.” Matthew 26:19

“Go without fear and make disciples of all nations.” Pope Francis

Amen Amen He is saying to you. Go without fear and make disciples of all nations, all people, and all life, by the fullness and richness of your life!

Jesus,

You have called me to be a fisher of my brothers and sisters, to make disciples of all nations, peoples & faiths. Help me to live my life as a life of faith, a life for you. Open my heart and guide me to allow all to see You in me. Strengthen me that I might truly live my faith boldly, without fear, proclaiming Your love by my life. May all see the beauty of You in me, and may I see the beauty of You in all.

Amen