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Ekklesia

"When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?" Matthew 16:13

Jesus was sensitive with how people were identifying Him; so should you. Don't accept a wrong identity from the world because right identification comes from God. He makes sure that He plants a conviction of the same in your spirit.

Often people identify you according to physical things. They think you are not qualified for a particular job, for instance, because your certificates don't meet their selection criteria. However, as the Church always remember that the grace of God qualifies you.

God has a tendency of giving the best to the unqualified since He gets glory from such. He doesn't want people to glorify your physical qualification.

"And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it are men of a great stature. And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight." Numbers 13:32-33

God relates with you based on how He sees you. Neither does He relate with you based on your perception nor the perception of others towards you. If that was the case, the Children of Israel wouldn't make it to the Promised Land as they had wrong perception towards themselves.

God knows that the flesh can deceive you and drain your self-esteem like it did with the Israelites in the above verse.

Strive to see yourself the way God sees you. Dare not to present yourself as weak or as one with lots of mistakes before God. He sees you as His Church—strong and faultless.

Let's go back to the book of Matthew.

"He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Matthew 16: 15-18

I'd like to draw your attention to the highlighted words: "my church". It's glorious to be Jesus' Church. If you are born again, you're part of His Church and are precious in His eyes. The world and the devil and his cohorts can't do anything to you.

"For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren, Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee." Hebrews 2:11-12

When you gather as a Church, Jesus comes to fellowship with you and to sing praise in your midst. With this understanding you must be excited whenever you are to gather with your brethren in Christ.

You see, you miss more than a teaching whenever you are absent from church. You miss the fellowship with Jesus, the Master. Tell me if you can fellowship with Jesus and go back home with that sickness, weakness, or disease. It's impossible!

Take note: Unless otherwise indicated, all Scripture quotations are taken from the King James Version (KJV) of the Bible.

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