Get Out, and STAND OUT



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"So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God."

2Cor. 5:16-20 (NIV)

If you are in Christ, there are 2 realities you have to keep in view:

- 1. You are a new kind of human. (Eph. 2:15, 2Peter 1:4)
- 2. You have a new vocation.

I stand out ...

1. When I refuse to fit in.

"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."

Romans 12:1-2 (NIV)

2. When I let people see me serving God.

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, **let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds** and glorify your Father in heaven."

Matt. 5:14-16 (NIV)

3. When I serve God without complaining and arguing.

"Do everything without grumbling or arguing, ¹⁵ so that you may become blameless and pure, "children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation." Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky ¹⁶ as you hold firmly to the word of life."

Phil. 2:14-16a (NIV)

4. When I am eager to do what is good.

"For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. 12 It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, 13 while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, 14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good."

Titus 2:11-14 (NIV)

5. When I tell people how good God is.

"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may **declare the praises of him** who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."

1Pet. 2:9 (NIV)