

OUR TWIN

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JOHN 10:30 NIV – (30) I and the Father are one.

Five key observations can be made concerning this passage. First, Jesus claimed to be one with God in the sense of being equal to Him. Jesus did not claim to be merely a messenger or prophet of God, but of equal power with God. As His children, we are His twins. What do I mean by twins? We are to look like His image!

Jesus came that we might have life and have it more abundantly (**John 10:10**). He established His church as His own body, of which He is the head. As His body, we are called to serve one another. Love one another. Honor one another. Encourage one another. Forgive one another. Instruct one another. Essentially, we are to reflect and honor Jesus in our words and actions with one another.

Our vertical relationship with God—our intimacy with Him and our access to His authority and blessings—is tied to our horizontal relationship with His body, the church. In our relationships with other people, it could be said that we are the “horizontal Jesus” to others. Because Christ is in us, others should be able to see Jesus in us. He is our head and we—His church, His family of believers—are His body, living under His lordship.

If you know someone who suffers from Parkinson’s disease, you know a disconnect occurs between what the brain signals and what the body does. The nerve impulses that control movement malfunction. This is highly frustrating for the individual, because the body is designed to follow the signals from the head.

The same is true for the body of Christ. We are to function fully under the direction of our head, Christ. We are to reflect Jesus in all that we do. We are His hands and feet. We are to be of His image!

We desire others to treat us with honor, and Jesus wants the same thing from us. Honoring Him in all we do ushers in His favor. How can you honor Jesus with your thoughts, words, and actions? Here are some suggestions:

- **Thoughts.** Ask yourself: do my thoughts honor the Lord or am I preoccupied with myself?
- **Words.** Make it a habit of showing Jesus honor through your words by talking to others with the honor they deserve as people made in His image.
- **Actions.** Keep a journal for one week of how you spend your time. After reviewing your journal, assess if you are honoring and reflecting Jesus with the first place position in your life.

The life and ministry of Jesus does not end. He is in His rightful exalted place in heaven ... and He is in you. Let His life and ministry flow out of you as you reflect Him in what you think, do and say.

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 11:7

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Faith in God includes faith in His timing.

"A JOURNEY OF THE HEART"