

HIDDEN IN GOD



“Who are you?” they said to John the Baptist.

“I am a voice.”

John did not give them his name.

His name was hidden in God.

“Who are you?” Pilate said to Jesus.

“I am a witness to the truth.”

Jesus made no attempt to prove who he was.

In the kingdom of God, we never promote ourselves.

We never promote our work.

We never make a production out of our sacrifice or suffering.

We never put our “ministry” up in lights.

Our names are hidden in God.

Our authority is hidden in God.

The fruit we bear is hidden in God.

The glory belongs to God alone.



When we let our light shine as followers of Jesus, God alone gets the glory.

“Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and give glory to the Father in heaven.”

Matthew 5

There’s a difference between letting our light shine and making our light flash and splash.

Every time we peel off some glory for ourselves our light becomes darkness.

The kingdom of God has.....

No P.R. department.

No “Growth Committee”.

No expansion strategy.

The Kingdom of God grows all by itself, without our help.

“The kingdom of heaven is like leaven which a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened.”

Matthew 13

Once the farmer plants the seed, he lets it stay hidden in the soil.

He doesn’t dig it up once a week to see how it’s doing.

He doesn’t pull it out and parade it before the world.

The seed is hidden in God.



“The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed upon the ground, and should sleep and rise night and day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he knows not how.

The earth produces of itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.”

Mark 4

What a relief, not to have to “prove ourselves” to the world!

What freedom to live before the eye of God alone!

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

For you have died, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.
Colossians 3



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Prayer: Lord, help us to truly hide ourselves in you... your presence... the beautiful covering, the amazing gift that's ours for the taking. May being hidden in you be all the glory we need. Bring us to a point in our lives where our need, our joy, our life is to be hidden in you. Bring us to a place where we no longer have to prove ourselves, where we don't keep checking on the seeds we plant, where we don't peel back any glory that belongs to you for ourselves, where we trust you so completely that we are freed to rest. Bring us to the place where any light that shines from us is a clear reflection of being hidden in you so that others can see your glory alone shining through the darkness. Amen.

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