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# To Be Like Christ

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"But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us."  
**Ephesians 2:13, 14 (KJV)**

## **To Be Like Christ**

Ellen White says, "Christ recognized no distinction of nationality or rank or creed. The scribes and Pharisees desired to make a local and a national benefit of the gifts of heaven, and to exclude the rest of God's family in the world. But Christ came to break down every wall of partition. He came to show that His gift of mercy and love is as unconfined as the air, the light, or the showers of rain that refresh the earth.

The life of Christ established a religion in which there is no caste, a religion by which Jew and Gentile, free and bond, are linked in a common brotherhood, equal before God. No question of policy influenced His movements. He made no difference between neighbors and strangers, friends and enemies. That which appealed to His heart was a soul thirsting for the waters of life," (Ministry of Healing, 25).

The words of the familiar hymn I grew up with sings over me: "More like Jesus I would be!" Oh, how I long to be more like Jesus! To have His character made manifest in me. All of it. Not just His gentleness, but also His compassion. Not just His humility, but also His activism. Not just His peace, but also His justice. His love - big enough to envelop the whole world.

This weekend we have a unique opportunity to learn more about this Jesus the Bible speaks about, to open our hearts and to be stirred and inspired by the Spirit, and become more like Him.

In making the Main Thing, the main thing may our hearts be open and transformed.

-Pastor Anna Bennett