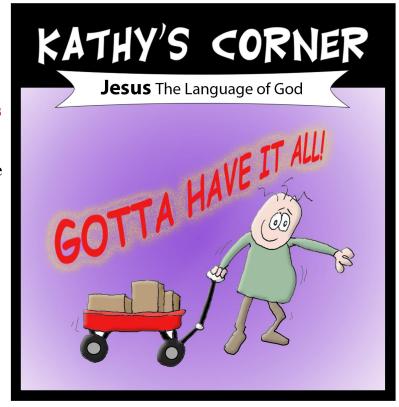
Jesus The Language of God

Long ago God spoke many times and in many ways to our ancestors through the prophets. And now in these final days, he has spoken to us through his Son. God promised everything to the Son as an inheritance, and through the Son he created the universe. The Son radiates God's own glory and expresses the very character of God.... (From Hebrews 1:1-3 NLT)

There are times when a word spoken or taught to us echoes in my mind and heart. One such word was that which Paige said the Lord had spoken to her, "Why am I not enough?" Also, recently, as well as in times past, both Paige and Doug have pointed out that



those in charge of discovering counterfeit bills study the genuine bills, knowing them so well that they can spot a counterfeit immediately. Additionally, Paige made the point Sunday that all cults have the one thing in common—they make Jesus out to be less than He is in one way or another. Sadly, this is true in many of today's denominations, as well. Do they believe that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever?" (From Hebrews 13:8) We really need to know our Jesus!

Since the beginning of time God has revealed Himself in many ways and through many servants. To name a few, He revealed Himself through commands, through His miracles, signs, wonders, symbolically through the specific instructions for His Temple and worship, and through His prophets—all which pointed to Jesus.

When God sent His Son to His people, Jesus wasn't largely recognized. He was, in fact, despised and rejected—still is by many. Those who studied and worshiped, though not in Spirit or in Truth, just couldn't see Him for Who He was. <u>Jesus said</u>: "I tell you that something greater than the temple is here." (Matthew 12:6 CSB) <u>He also said</u>, "But an hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and in truth. Yes, the Father wants such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and in truth." (John 4:23-24 CSB) Spirit and Truth are what no cult has. The whole Bible reveals Jesus, and Jesus revealed to human eyes, through human form, the nature of God, a knowable God, restoring the possibility of relationship to Him.

Is it good news? Depends! Those associated with satan couldn't think so. But, oh!, for the rest of us who truly desire to nurture that relationship, it is the best news ever!

Unfortunately, the Christ Who "is all and in all" isn't received as a whole by many of us. We separate Him (Is there a selfishness here?) into little desirable pieces—His gifts, His miracles, His calling, etc., not receiving Him as a whole—"Why am I not enough?" This is the reason there is so little victory, joy or

rest. I believe He needs to be our *one* desire, our *only* centered focus, then ministry can happen. Through us His calling, gifts and miracles can manifest and minister to others from the source of love —the Hoy Spirit. He will receive the glory when we are truly set apart for Him. "Without holiness, no one will see God." We won't be able to see God in the relationship we desire to have with Him, and others won't be able to see the reality of His life in us. Jesus is our holiness before the Father. To put this into place in our lives, we must be forgiving, repentant, and desiring to know and obey the will of our Father—to love the Lord our God with all our hearts, minds, souls and strength; and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

We need to **look more deeply into the One Who** *is* **enough,** to appreciate *all* He is and *all* He has accomplished, *all* He sacrificed, and His inclusion of us through His Holy Spirit into His family and service.

"Truly I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do. And he will do even greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. Whatever you ask in my name, I will do it so that the Father may be glorified in the Son." (John 14:12 CSB)

Jesus still speaks! Hear Him! Trust Him!