

**I Want to be Just a Christian**

*For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God (Col. 3:3).*

I guess the struggle never ends. Throughout the years I have heard brethren on both sides complain about the other. Yet, nothing really ever seems to change. Instead of narrowing the gap it would appear that a polarization is taking place.

The "struggle" of which I speak: is that between liberals and conservatives. I hear some brethren saying that the church is becoming too liberal. Others complain that the church is way too conservative. Both sides are quick to label each other whenever something comes up that they don't agree with. The "right" talks about the "left" drifting away, and the "left" says those on the "right" are too preservative and unchanging. I believe both sides are wrong.

The goal is not to become more conservative or too liberal. The goal is to be like Christ. Instead of measuring a practice or opinion on the "conservative-liberal scale" why not measure it on the "Christ-like scale." Instead of saying, "that is too conservative (or liberal) for me" why don't we ask "How would Jesus react to such a situation?"

It is not my goal in life to be conservative or liberal. My goal is to be like Jesus. I don't want to be known or remembered for how conservative I was, or how liberal I became. Oh, to have my life hidden in Christ (Col. 3:3). Sorry, I'm not going to play the "liberal-conservative" game. That only spawns division. So, the next time you hear me say or teach something don't try to put it in a liberal or conservative category. Ask yourself if what I am doing is according to what our Lord said and did; because I am trying to be like Him.

See you Sunday! -gls