

INTRODUCTION.

- A. You have heard it said, "He is the Spittin' image of his father." Or, "She is the spittin' image of her mother."
- B. What does it mean to be the "spittin' image"? One thing it does NOT mean is: a clone of a tobacco chewer. Ha!
- C. Actually, the term "spittin' image" is the contracted version of the words "spirit and image." It means that someone not only looks like their parents but acts like them too.
- D. The spiritual application for us today is that we, as Xians, are to be the spittin' image of Jesus, who is the spittin' image of God.

I. JESUS IS THE "SPITTIN' IMAGE" OF GOD.

- A. Notice the following passages:
 - 1. Word was God, and the Word was with God (Jn. 1:1,14).
 - 2. If you have seen Jesus you have seen the Father (Jn. 14:8-9).
 - 3. Jesus is the image of the invisible God (Col. 1:15).
 - 4. Jesus is the radiance of His glory, the exact representation of His nature (Heb. 1:3).
- B. We know what God is like, because we know what Jesus is like.

II. I AM TO BE THE "SPITTIN' IMAGE" OF JESUS.

- A. It was God's eternal plan that we be like Jesus (Rom. 8:29).
- B. Paul wanted to know Christ, so he could be like Him (Phil. 3:10).
- C. We are not to be the "spittin' image" of the world (Rom. 12:1-2).
- D. As we grow and mature, our lives are to be conforming themselves into the image of X (2Cor. 3: 18).
- E. As Xians, we are to grow up into all aspects unto Him, that is Christ (Eph. 4:15).
- F. Notice the following thoughts from the book of Colossians:
 - 1. The growth process is filling up that which is lacking, in our being like X (Col. 1:24).
 - 2. The goal of teaching the gospel is to present everyone complete in X (Col. 1:28).
 - 3. The substance belongs to X--don't be fooled by the shadow (Col. 2: 16-17).
 - 4. The only way to overcome temptation and sin, is to be like X (Col. 2:20-23).

CONCLUSION.

- A. The most important thing you can do as a Xian, is to be like Christ!
- B. Remember, you will be the "spittin' image" of someone...who will it be?