

A close-up photograph of a man's face peering through a jagged hole in a white wall. The man has dark hair and eyes, and his expression is neutral. The lighting is dramatic, with the background behind him being dark. The text 'MORE LIKE JESUS' is overlaid on the center of the image.

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**We are
representatives**

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Represent Him
His way

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MATTHEW 22:15-22

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- **How do I represent
His image?**

- **How does He want me
to express His image?**

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**1). Representation is not
how we want or choose to
express His image**

I don't get to choose how!

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King Saul

1 Samuel 13 – Offered
sacrifice

1 Samuel 15 – Disobeyed
directives from God

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**So Samuel said: "Has the Lord as
great delight in burnt offerings
and sacrifices, as in obeying the
voice of the Lord? Behold, to
obey is better than sacrifice,
And to heed than the fat of rams.**

I Samuel 15:22

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**For You do not desire sacrifice, or
else I would give it; You do not
delight in burnt offering. The
sacrifices of God are a broken spirit,
A broken and a contrite heart—
These, O God, You will not despise.**

Psalm 51:16-17

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**2). Representation has
already been designed**

This wheel cannot be
reinvented

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**Now the works of the flesh are evident,
which are: adultery, fornication,
uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery,
hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts
of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions,
heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness,
revelries, and the like;**

Galatians 5:19b-21a

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**But the fruit of the Spirit is love,
joy, peace, longsuffering,
kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, gentleness, self-
control. Against such there is no
law.**

Galatians 5:22-23

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Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.

1 Peter 2:11-12

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3). Not on your own but through Him

Jesus said, Apart from me,
you can do nothing

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**And those who
are Christ's have crucified the
flesh with its passions and
desires. If we live in the Spirit,
let us also walk in the Spirit.**

Galatians 5:24-25

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**For I know that in me (that is,
in my flesh) nothing good
dwells; for to will is present
with me, but how to perform
what is good I do not find.**

Romans 7:18

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But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. Yet indeed

I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him,

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not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Philippians 3:8-11

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The very work that He has to do in me, and I for Him, I take up in such a way that it separates me from Christ...If I am something then God is not everything...Don't confound work with fruit...Absolute dependence upon God is the secret of all power in work...Let us seek to understand that the life of the branch is a life of much fruit, because it is a life rooted in Christ, the living, heavenly Vine...This I choose.

Andrew Murray, *Absolute Surrender*

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**We are representatives
so
represent Him His way**

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Questions to Ponder

- 1). Are you representing Christ through your work or His fruit?
- 2). Are you representing Christ how you want to or in the manor He desires?
- 3). Are you representing Christ at all?

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