



Goodbye, Old Friend...





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Church in  
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The Bridezilla  
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Sardis

Antioch

Iconium

Lystra

Derbe

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Perga

Tarsus

Seleucia

Antioch

Miletus

Rhodes

Paphos

Salamis

Sidon

Tyre

Damascus

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Lystra

Attalia

Parga

Derbe

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10TH TEXAS DISTRICT

COMMITTEES  
NAVAL AFFAIRS  
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MILITARY POLICY

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

June 18, 1946

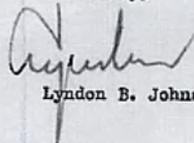
Dear Fay:

How very much I appreciate your sweet letter  
about Bird.

She is very much improved today although is  
still running a fever. I do think now that the real  
danger has passed and that she is on the road to re-  
covery.

Do let me know when you hear from Dwight.  
I shall be deeply interested to hear about him.

Sincerely,



Lyndon B. Johnson

Mrs. Fay Rudd Chiles  
Brown Securities Corporation  
P. O. Box 1139  
Austin, Texas

*I tried to locate Dwight in  
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<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. <sup>18</sup>Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

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- Some people in the church actually believe that Jesus did not bodily raise from the dead.

**How Paul deals with all of this...**

*“Let ‘em have it, Paul!!”*

## 1 Corinthians 1:4-9

<sup>4</sup> I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. <sup>5</sup> For in him you have been enriched in every way – in all your speaking and in all your knowledge – <sup>6</sup> because our testimony about Christ was confirmed in you. <sup>7</sup> Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. <sup>8</sup> He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful.

## 2 Corinthians 1:23-2:4

<sup>23</sup>I call God as my witness that it was in order to spare you that I did not return to Corinth. <sup>24</sup>Not that we lord it over your faith, but we work with you for your joy, because it is by faith you stand firm. <sup>1</sup>So I made up my mind that I would not make another painful visit to you. <sup>2</sup>For if I grieve you, who is left to make me glad but you whom I have grieved? <sup>3</sup>I wrote as I did so that when I came I should not be distressed by those who ought to make me rejoice. I had confidence in all of you, that you would all share my joy. <sup>4</sup>For I wrote you out of great distress and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to grieve you but to let you know the depth of my love for you.

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*BA: The Gospel of Jesus!*

## 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

<sup>14</sup> For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. <sup>15</sup> And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. <sup>16</sup> So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. <sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

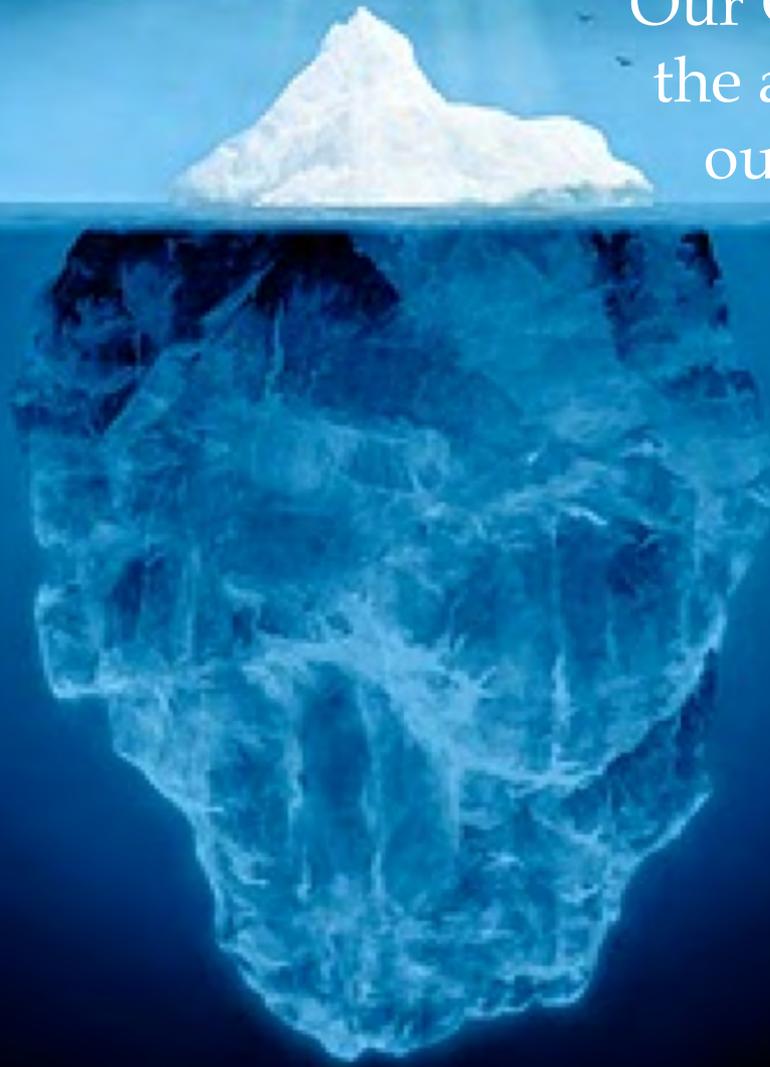


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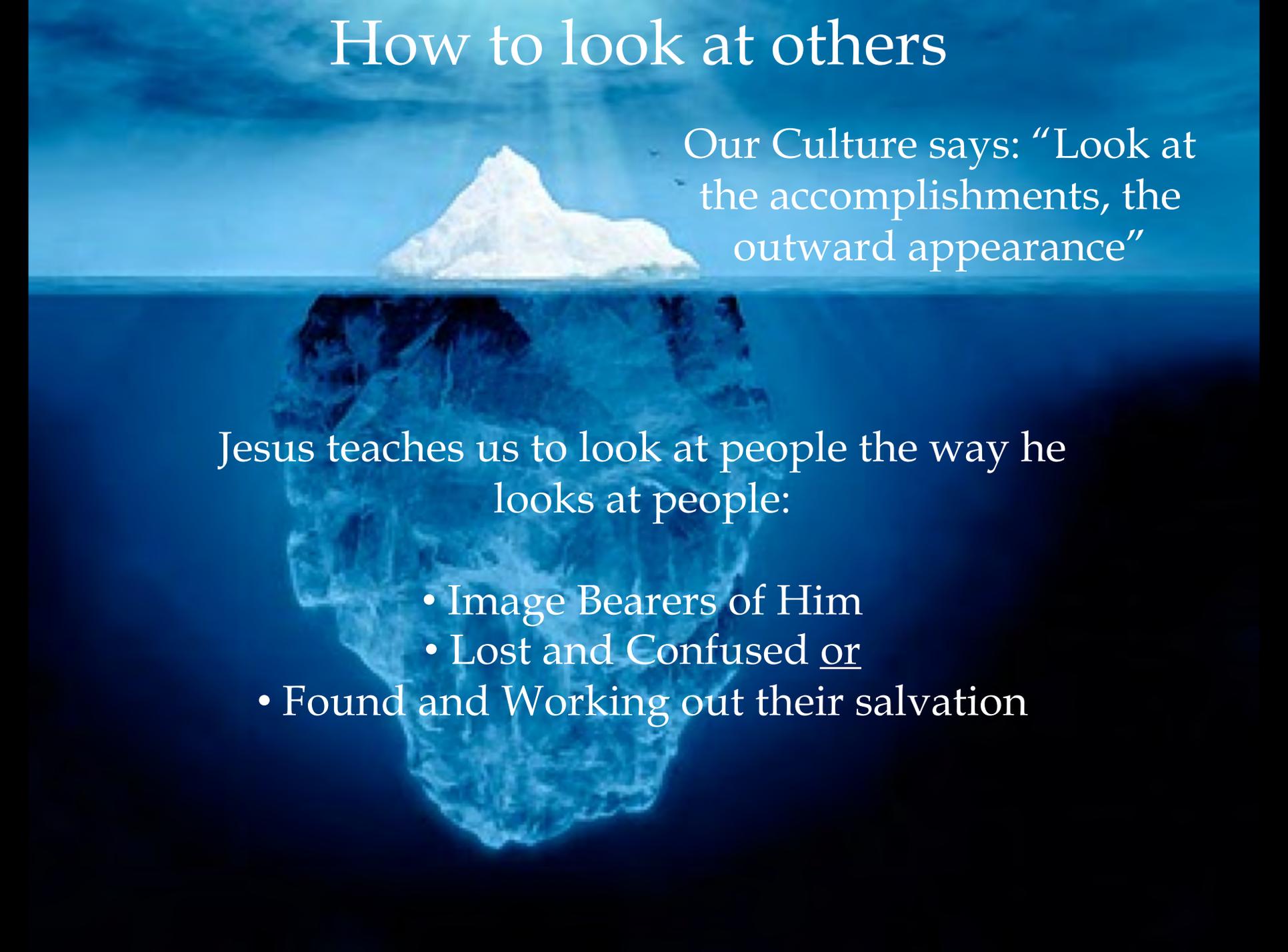


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- Image Bearers of Him
- Lost and Confused or
- Found and Working out their salvation

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# Application:

How do you need to respond to Paul's Letter to the Corinthians?