

The Church Where Everybody is a Nobody

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But wait! God says of the saints on earth, *"Ye are the salt of the earth ... of whom the world is not worthy."* This is a wonderful paradox, that all who see themselves unworthy, He calls worthy. All who call themselves unclean, God pronounces clean. All who feel they are nothing, God says they are His jewels, His peculiar treasure! Why? Because Christ hath made them righteous, holy, worthy. Because He died for them, and because of the invaluable price He paid, they are now of infinite worth to Him and the Father. Because Christ is formed in them, they are now fruitful, faithful, obedient and full of goodness. That is what God says of them. Isn't that what you think of them? All the saints are told to esteem others better than themselves. We feel that we are nothing, less than the least, not fit to be called a disciple, but highly esteem our brethren. That's as it should be. We think ourselves to be nothing while esteeming our brethren very highly. A wonderful thing isn't it? That though we are nothing in ourselves, yet, in Christ, we are called sons of the God!

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