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Without Christ our world is devoid of hope, and for others to know this Christ, they must be able to see Him in us. The light of Christ must shine forth through the love of His Church, and be made manifest in the daily works of His people. Without this love there is only darkness upon the face of our world. Without this love the world will remain without hope.

Others cannot know that they need Christ if they do not see Him in us. They do not know that this Christ fills hearts, and transforms lives, if they do not see a transformation in us. If we are fearful, angry, judgmental, arrogant or aloof, the world will see nothing in our Christian faith worth seeking.

If others do not see in us a forgiving heart, how will they know there is forgiveness in Christ? If others do not see in us a heart filled with joy, how will they know they need the Christ whom you proclaim as your Lord and Saviour? If others see in us a judgmental, narrow minded, unhappy person, why would they be drawn to the Christianity we proclaim?