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When I was in Bible College I was privileged to study under a man named Dr. Robert Gladstone. Dr. Gladstone shared with us a dream he had years prior about a people he described as “the new Jesus people.” They were not ordinary followers of Jesus... they were, in his words, “extraordinary disciples” with no carnality or hype about them. They were authentic people. His description of this new Jesus people stood in such stark contrast to the pre-packaged Christianity that I grew up with...the one we inherited from the Jesus People of the 70’s which had, over the years, morphed into a building-centric, brand-named, leader-controlled expression of Christianity. The New Jesus People, however, were not brands or buildings, they were people... authentic disciples of Jesus in covenant with one another, disciplined by servant leaders who know the way of the cross.

What follows is my attempt to summarize who these marvelous people are that Jesus intends to fill the earth with in our day...a template to help guide us as we move forward in the ways of Jesus.

# Introduction to the New Jesus People

God is raising up a people that are not of this age, but of the age to come. They aren't just a collection of individuals who attend a church once or twice a week...they are a family, a family who have heard God's powerful declaration of righteousness over their lives (Rom 4:6 TPT) and know that they are the dwelling place of God on the earth (Eph 2:19-22). They know that it is in their coming together as the family of God that the Son is revealed to the world around them (1 John 4:12). They are the temple not made with human hands (Acts 17:24). God lives inside of them and they live inside of God (1 John 4:15).

# The Characteristics of the New Jesus People

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This is the New Jesus People. A people so awakened to their union with the Son of Man (Col 1:27, John 17:20-23) that they have become Jacob's ladder...they are the touch point between His world and ours (John 1:51). They are not of this age because they are already living eternal life (John 17:3, Eph 3:20). The ruler of this world has nothing in them (John 14:30).

They know who God is, they understand His ways, and their lives are no longer their own (Gal 2:20). They have learned to be content in all things and are not surprised by blessing...or suffering (Philippians 4:11). The shakings of this age do not move them because they have both hands on a plow, eyes fixed on what is in front of them (Hebrews 12:27-29).

# Spiritual Dynamics and Perspectives

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**1** They are righteous (2 Cor 5:21), they are holy (Col 3:12, Eph 4:24), they are carriers of glory (2 Cor 3:18; 4:6-7, 17).

**2** They are a people who have entered into rest (Matt 11:28). They carry that Sabbath rest with them and the answer for the world's chaos is in them (Phil 4:6-7).

**3** They are not moved by need or the circumstances around them (Phil 4:11). They are moved by the Spirit, a people of the wind (John 3:8).

**4** When they are cursed, they bless. When they are mocked, they love. When they are persecuted, they pray. They are lambs who love their enemies (Matt 5:44).



# Community and Relationships

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God is raising up this New Jesus People as the alternative to pre-packaged, franchised, programatic, western Christianity...in them is no mixture (Rom 8:5). They are authentic and refuse hype or manipulation. They recognize human praise as empty and fake (John 2:25).

They are so rooted in who God says they are that they have no need to make anything happen or prove their spirituality. They enjoy an intimacy with Jesus that makes them fearless even of death itself (Rev 12:11). God's love is real to them...and their love for one another is uncomfortably selfless and pure (1 John 4:7-11).

# A New Approach to Church and Tradition

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Community life shapes the New Jesus People (Acts 2:42-47). Their maturity does not come only from time alone in the Lord's presence. This new breed of believer becomes complete through the joys and tension of church as family in a rhythm of life-on-life discipleship (Eph 4:11-16).

2

To the New Jesus People, relational conflicts are seen as opportunities to become more like Jesus. Potential disagreements provide moments for them to serve rather than demand their own rights (Col 3:12-15, Matt 16:24). What historically has divided other churches actually causes growth for them. They are a healthy body that is equipped to heal itself, restore, self-correct, and build up (Eph 4:16).

3

They do not suffer from instability or lack of commitment, but are planted...a people of utmost character and loyalty, organically connected to one another, their city, and their vision of the Kingdom (Luke 6:47-48). They do not wander from church to church. Their roots have sunk down deep into the soil of their spiritual family.



# Conclusion: The Global Impact of the New Jesus People

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While they refuse to go back to the institution and church traditions of the past, they are not arrogant. They move in the Spirit of God and love, not criticism. They will not speak against an old wineskin that was used by God in a previous generation, but they also refuse to lean on pragmatism and ministry methods that they learned from their fathers (Matt 9:16-17).

The new wineskin may be outside the camp, inconvenient, and more demanding than the old ways (Her 13:13), but they refuse to give up the ground that their roots have sunk down in. The world is not worthy of this New Jesus People (Heb 11:38), but heaven longs for the day when the earth is full of their glory

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