



Joy! Church. 10-1-23
Assemble. Celebrate. Become.

Beauty

Part 1 – Christ, Creator

Today:
Worship
Impart
Discuss
Eat



Beauty

Part 2-Created

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We love you. Yes, you

Beauty and God's created

- Beauty is not democratic; she reveals herself more to the few than to the many. ~ C.S. Lewis
- If you see any beauty in Christ, and say, "I desire to have that," God will work it in you. ~ G.V. Wigram
- Since love grows within you, so beauty grows. For love is the beauty of the soul. ~ Augustine
- Do not grudge the Hand that is molding the still too shapeless image within you. It is growing more beautiful, though you see it not, and every touch of temptation may add to its perfection. ~ Henry Drummond

Are we works of works?

Ephesians 2:10

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No. Works of God's Created Art, of Beauty!

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See also: Deut 32:6, Psa 100:3, Psa 139:13-16, Rom 8:29, et al.

“Perceive me how I present me. PLEASE”

- Posture
- Non-verbals
- Clothing style
- Hair style
- Cosmetics
- Piercings
- Tattoos
- Scarification
- Peer group
- Selfies
- Social media persona



- **Outward manifestations**
- **Deep inward needs**
- **To be protected**
- **To be left alone**
- **To be noticed**
- **To be desired**
- **To not be seen at all**
- **To be seen as worthy**
- **To be seen as beautiful**
- **To influence how you label me**

Work of Art created anew!

2nd Corinthians 5:17

KJV: Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more. 17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

NIV: 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. 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

TPT: So, from now on, we refuse to evaluate people merely by their outward appearances. For that's how we once viewed the Anointed One, but no longer do we see him with limited human insight. 17 Now, if anyone is enfolded into Christ, he has become an entirely new person. All that is related to the old order has vanished. Behold, everything is fresh and new.

Believe truth? Pursue truth? We must.

- What is the essential difference between the Christian and the not-a-Christian, between the spiritual beauty and the physical and moral beauty? It is the distinction between the Organic and the Inorganic. Physical beauty is the product of man's opinions. Moral beauty is the product of the natural man. Spiritual beauty arises of the spiritual man and out of the spiritual man.
~ Henry Drummond, adapted by John Poundstone
- It was when I was happiest that I longed most. The sweetest thing in all my life has been the longing to find the place where all the beauty came from. ~ C.S. Lewis
- We are facets of the prism that is Christ's body. May we shine and transform eternally, augmenting the spectrum of God's glory with splendors ever anew. ~ Katie Kresser, Christian Scholars Review

Table Time!

- Discuss: What things get in the way of us believing we actually are beautiful works of God's art?
(masterpieces, poems, per Eph. 2:10, et al.)
- Read 2nd Corinthians 5:17 aloud.
List profound things that really means.
- Complete the exercise on the sheets.
- Enjoy a light lunch; continue talking...

