

Beauty Will Save the World

Beholden to the Beauty of Christ

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Philippians 1:3-11

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Introduction: Beauty is an intrinsic attribute of the Triune Godhead. The Lord is all-together beautiful, and He gives image-bearers the capacity to perceive beauty as well as reflect the artistry. The key to beauty, that is particularly perceivable and therefore revealed to Christians, is Jesus Himself. All beauty in the created world is from Him. Jesus is the source of all that is beautiful. If the church is called to be a little bit of heaven on earth. Then we are called to bring the beauty of heaven down to earth.

Prayer: Father, help us to see and understand the sheer encouragement of this text from Paul. Amen

Review: What did you learn about righteousness and faith from the sermon last Sunday?

Read: Philippians 1:3-11

Discussion:

1. Do you pray for others with joy because of their partnership in the gospel? Is this a priority?
2. How is the good work in you being "carried on to completion"? Explain.
3. What does it mean that love may abound in knowledge and depth of insight? Do you think this is unusual? What is the result?
4. What do you see as the "fruit" of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ? Reflect on Galatians 5:22, which also mentions "fruit".

Application: Live this week in the affection of Christ Jesus..

Prayer: Father, thank you for your grace in continuing to work with us in all of our lives. Amen