

The Beauty of Jesus

By Al Behel

Someone has said that by the time you are 50 years old you have the face you deserve. Perhaps there is a lot of truth in that statement. The years we have spent frowning, scowling, worrying, smiling, or laughing are etched on our faces. Every day we are making a face that will tell a great deal about how we have lived our lives.

Billions of dollars are spent each year by both men and women trying to change our faces. Plastic surgery, cosmetics, herbal supplements, lotions, creams, and countless other techniques are used to erase the unwanted marks and create a new image.

Paul tells us that if we keep looking at Jesus we will start to look more and more like him (2 Corinthians 3:18). Those compassion lines and smiles of kindness lines will be permanently etched on our faces. We will become more like Him on the inside and the outside will glow with his presence within us. We will be transformed into "his image".

When Moses descended from Mount Sinai after being in the presence of God his face was aglow with a radiance that made it impossible for the people to look upon him. When the apostles Peter and John stood before the threatening Sanhedrin Court, that august body could not miss the fact that they had been with Jesus.

That's the way it is for all of us. When we spend time with him, his beauty becomes a part of us. The hymn expresses it so well:

Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in me,

All His wonderful passion and purity;

Oh, Thou Spirit divine, all my nature refine

Till the beauty of Jesus be seen in me. — Orsborn

No cosmetic surgery or any other treatment will give us the face of Jesus. As we behold his glory and experience his grace we will begin to look more and more like Him.

- Great Smoky Mountains Church of Christ in Pigeon Forge, TN (via Bulletin Gold) -

"Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in me." - Albert W. T. Orsborn, 1916

News & Notes

NO SUNDAY COVERED DISH DINNERS IN MAY.

GOSPEL MEETING

St. Clair Ave., East Liverpool May 5 - 8 Steve Higginbotham

The Chester congregation will go as a group tomorrow evening to support St. Clair Avenue's gospel meeting at 7:00 p.m.

CONVERT'S CLASS: Each Thursday at 11:00 a.m. Open to all.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Next Saturday, May 11th, 8:30 a.m. at the Columbian Church of Christ (not 8:00 a.m. as noted on the calendar).

CHESTER'S LADIES INSPIRATION DAY: Next Saturday, May 11th. Registration & Continental Breakfast: **9:00 - 9:30 a.m.** Program: **9:45 - 11:45 a.m.** Focus on "Being Busy for the Lord ... Buzzing Along. The Do's & Don'ts." Speaker: Janie Gallagher. Lunch provided following program.

PANTRY: Potato soup.

REMEMBER THESE SICK & SHUT-IN: Continuing Healthcare, Lisbon:

Stan Williams. **At Home:** Scharlotte Jones, Anita Hopwood, Dean Spencer, Peggy Linger, Claudette Miller, Nancy Cox, Barbara DeLong, David Strum, Cheryl Renfro Walker, David Michaels (Ed's brother), Todd Grimes (Cindy Miskimen's nephew), Lori Stocks (Karen Strum's niece), Eric Martin (friend of Joe Brubaker), Rich Shilling (relative of Iris Durbin). **Fox - Chester:** Audrey Geer (Linda Hall's mother), Janice Hutchins, Mary Johnson. **Elsewhere:** Carol Williams (Sharon Sprout's mother), 104 N. Clayton, Carlsbad, NM 88220.

No Time to Complain

- ◆ Never once did our Lord have a path free from trouble.
- ◆ When He went into the wilderness, He was tempted of the devil.
- ◆ When He tried to rest, the multitudes followed Him.
- ◆ When He taught in the synagogue, the hearers became angry and sought to throw him off the brow of the hill.
- ◆ When He gave others rest for their souls, He had no place to lay His head.
- ◆ When He sought peace in the garden, they came with swords and staves and led Him away to the halls of judgment.
- ◆ When He did His best to be kind and loving in face of mockery, they took Him as a sheep to the slaughter and drenched Calvary with His precious blood. And yet, in spite of it all, He never grumbled about His burden. Jesus did not complain at all! He just went about doing good.
- ◆ Let us be like Him! The busiest are the happiest. Cheerful, active labor is a blessing. The busy, the active, the happy, and the cheerful don't have time to complain. — Author Unknown (via Bridgeport Church of Christ, Bridgeport, WV)