

Beauty Will Save the World

Beholden to the Beauty of Christ

Prentice Park

Romans 1:8-17

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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 know the beauty of God through the gospel. Amen

Review: Does the term "ambassador" have a larger meaning now?

Read: Romans 1:8-17

Discussion:

1. How does our faith reflect the beauty of Jesus? How does our faith help us to perceive the beauty of God's creation?
2. Why is it important to mutually encourage each other's faith? How does this lead to a "beautiful" community?
3. Do you find yourself overlooking the beauty of Jesus in favor of other characteristics? How can the gospel help us?
4. Paul in verse 16 emphasizes the "power" of God and in verse 17 the "righteousness" of God; is there a "heavenly beauty" in these gospel truths? Explain.

Application: Perceive and reflect the beauty of Jesus as you live this week.

Prayer: We love the beauty of Jesus as well as his power and love. Amen.