

Friendship with God

Hello friends. Welcome to another day of life and fellowship with God. Every day we can cultivate our friendship with God by communing with Him through prayer and the reading of His Word. Let your eyes be drawn to His love and goodness and His beauty. He is more beautiful than anyone the world idolizes. Today, the world puts great value on outward beauty. Every year, People magazine names the most beautiful people in the world. But is this really a new thing? The Bible says, **1 Samuel 16:7 "People judge by outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."** One can't say that all beautiful people are not beautiful inside, but that's what people look at and that's what people admire. But beauty in God's eyes is not only outward beauty, but inward beauty. And here, the Lord Jesus Christ, outshines them all. **"For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."** **Philippians 2:9-11** Because of His great sacrifice for humankind, Jesus has been highly exalted, given a name above every name and we are asked to worship Him in the beauty of holiness! David, in Psalms, had one great desire. **Psalm 27:4 "One thing have I desired, that I may dwell in the house of the Lord forever, to behold the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in His temple."** In the heaven and earth made new, will we be studying what articles of clothing Jesus wears? Will we be admiring His hairstyle? No, no. The beauty of Jesus is His matchless, immeasurable love. The science of salvation, accomplished at the cross, will be our study throughout eternity. The messenger of the Lord said, **"The philosopher turns aside from the light of salvation, because it puts his proud theories to shame; the worldling refuses to receive it, because it would separate him from his earthly idols. Paul saw that the character of Christ must be understood before men could love Him or view the cross with the eye of faith. Here must begin that study which shall be the science and the song of the redeemed through all eternity."** (Acts of the Apostles, p. 273) Jesus wants us to put our eyes on Him. Behold Him through the eye of faith. Set your heart on things above. **"Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. For you**

have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God...." Colossians 3:1-3 So, my friends, instead of looking to the world's idols, why not look at Jesus, the Holy One, who died for you. He is coming soon. The signs foretell His soon return. If you have not made Him your Friend, do so today. Don't delay.