

Give Jesus Some Skin
By Roy Goodlet

A little girl became frightened as she slept in her bed one night. Her mother heard her tears and came to her room. The mother knelt down, held her daughter in her arms, and listened as the child described the scariness of her room. The mother then prayed for the little girl, asking Jesus to keep her safe, and then went back to bed. About an hour later, the little girl began crying again. Her mother repeated the same comforting ritual. A short time later, the little girl began crying a third time. Exasperated, the mother went into her daughter's room again. "Didn't you trust Jesus with your fears? Don't you believe that He keeps you safe?" the mother asked. "Yes," the little girl said, between sobs. "I do believe, Mommy, but Jesus doesn't have any skin!"

Isn't this true in your life too? You trust in your God, and you believe He cares for you and loves you, but sometimes you just wish that you could hold Him, and He could physically hold you. You just wish He had skin! Jesus is going to return to this earth and when He does we shall see Him. Will He have skin? I don't know, but that is not important to me right now. I just know that when He comes, I will know for sure who He is, and so will you and everyone else. Even the unbelievers will know it is Jesus. Until then believing can be difficult at times. Jesus said it is like a woman in childbirth. In the middle of her hardest labor, she is asking the question, "Why am I doing this? When is this supposed to be such a joy to me?" A woman does not enjoy the actual time of childbirth, but she sure enjoys the outcome. While we live in the midst of Satan's kingdom you could say we are in labor, but one of these days the new life in us that was conceived when we were born again will result in a new life that will live out the rest of eternity.

Jesus said and still says to you and me, "Just follow me." And we can even though we do not see Him in the flesh. So, how do we follow Jesus when we cannot see Him in skin? He said, "Obey my commandments." A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin, 5 and Ryan, 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. She said, "If Jesus were sitting here, he would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake. I can wait.'" Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Ryan, you be Jesus!" That's the wrong approach. You and I should be saying, "I will be Jesus," with skin to other people.

Jesus is not here in the skin, but when we live lives that reflect a risen, live Savior, the enemy, Satan, has to retreat. He has no other choice.

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