

"A Woman's Best Ornament" by J.C.Philpot

"Don't be concerned about the outward beauty that depends on fancy hairstyles, expensive jewelry, or beautiful clothes. You should be known for the beauty that comes from within, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is so precious to God." (1 Peter 3:3-4) This "*beauty that comes from within*" is that . . . meekness, quietness, gentleness, brokenness of heart, contrition of spirit, humility of mind, tenderness of conscience, which are fitting to the children of God. **A gentle and quiet spirit is a woman's best ornament.** As to other gay and unbecoming ornaments, let those wear them, who wish to serve and to enjoy . . . the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life. Let the "daughters of Zion" manifest they have other ornaments than what the world admires and approves. Let them covet . . . the teachings of God, the smiles of His love, the whispers of His favor. The more they have of these, the less will they care for the adornments which the "*daughters of Canaan*" run so madly after; by which also they often impoverish themselves, and by opening a way for admiration, too often open a way for seduction and ruin.

A Note From The Pastor

As we gather this morning to worship our Sovereign God, let us be thankful for our mothers. To the children, young men and women of our Church, I encourage you to be ever so grateful for your Mother, but even more grateful if she believes the Gospel. It's such a privilege if your Mother believes the Gospel and instructs you in the "*way of righteousness*". Paul told Timothy: "*When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.*" **(II Tim.1:5)** To the husbands of this Church, I admonish you to cherish your wife, the mother of your children, and count your blessings as well if God has been pleased to give you a believing wife. Surely Soloman in all his wisdom realized this when he wrote: "*Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth* (believes in Him as a "just God and a Saviour") *the LORD, she shall be praised.*"(Prov.31:30)

Remember to tell your Mother today how much you love and appreciate all she has done for you. I can say from experience, the day the Lord sees fit to take your Mom from the earth, you'll always remember how much she meant to you. So don't wait until she is gone to honor her with love and obedience. Show her your love while you have her, and the Lord will bless you for it. "*Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise.*" **(Eph.6:2)**

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Call To Worship

Lord, we adore Thy boundless grace,
The heights and depths unknown,
Of pardon, life, and joy, and peace,
In Thy Beloved Son. **(Repeat)**

O wondrous gifts of love divine,
Dear Source of every good;
Jesus, in Thee what glories shine!
How rich Thy flowing blood! **(Repeat)**

Come, all ye pining, hungry, poor,
The Savior's bounty taste;
Behold a never-failing store
For every willing guest. **(Repeat)**

Here shall your numerous wants receive
A free, a full supply;
He has unmeasured bliss to give,
And joys that never die. **(Repeat)**

(Tune: "All Things Work Out For Good ", pg.267)

Remember In Prayer This Week:

Judy Ward; Noble Jones; Cindy Brantly;
Emily Dubose; Devonne Lewis;
Dusty Adams; Emily Gay; Lydia Headrick

"Grace And Glory" by J.C.Philpot

"The Lord will give grace and glory." Psalm 84:11

It is the peculiar glory of God to give out of the infinite fullness of His goodness and love. The more He gives—the more is He glorified. We should come to God's gracious footstool as to that of a free and bounteous Benefactor, saying before Him in the simplicity of a little child, "Lord, I am poor, enrich me! Lord, I am hungry, feed me! Lord, I am naked, clothe me! Lord, I am sinful, forgive me! Lord, I am helpless, take pity and compassion upon me! Lord, I am weak and wandering, ever stumbling and falling—hold me up, and I shall be safe! Lord, I have nothing, and am nothing—give me what seems good to You—and make me what You would have me to be."

Excerpt from Mason's Spiritual Treasury - **William Mason"**

"God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them." (II Cor. 5:19)

The only living and true God, the great and essentially glorious Jehovah, Father, Son, and Spirit is manifested to sinners, as dwelling in the man Christ Jesus. This is the peculiar and precious truth of the gospel. A glorious mystery known only to believing souls. All other pretended knowledge of God is but vain speculation, and pompous ignorance, which dwell in men of corrupt minds, destitute of the truth. But the new-born soul draws all his comfort, peace, joy, and holiness from this inexhaustible fountain of truth and consolation. From hence ariseth his love to God and delight in him. He beholds God, in Christ, loving and embracing poor sinners of the human race. God is well pleased with them, and delighteth over them to do them good. Thus saith Luther: 'Mark this well in the matter of justification: when any of us shall have to wrestle with the law, sin, death, and all other evils, we must look upon no other God, but only this God incarnate, and clothed with man's nature.' (Eph. 2:18; Col.1:15-20)

Thus God and man unite in the one man Christ Jesus; in this faith only is the mind of a Christian easy and happy; for the cause of all distress and sorrow is taken away. Amazing grace! wonderful love! Canst thou read it? canst thou believe it without transport of joy? God is perfectly reconciled; he doth not impute trespasses. Unto whom? Verily, the world, the elect world of Gentiles as well as Jews; ALL sinners of the fallen race whom the Father hath given to his Son Christ Jesus. God is reconciled to them. In faith and love they shall be reconciled to him: to his covenant transactions, electing love, justifying grace, scheme of salvation, and hope of eternal life by Jesus only. As the Father gave their persons, so he imputed their sins to Jesus, he bore them away, God chargeth not trespasses to them, they are free from sin, as viewed by God in Christ. To this truth the Spirit bears witness, through the faith of Jesus. So, believer, thou art to reckon of thyself. Though black as hell, polluted with guilt, defiled with sin, yet in Christ "thou art all fair, without spot;" fully reconciled to God, and standest without trespasses before him. What a free access hast thou ever open to God! What cause for triumph in him, and love to him! what assured hope of eternal enjoyment of him! O my soul, what reward shall I render to the Lord for all his mercies!

But if Immanuel's face appear,
My hope, my joy begins;
His name forbids my slavish fear,
His grace removes my sins.

While many on their works rely,
Others of wisdom boast,
I love th' incarnate mystery,
And there I fix my trust