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**Topic: Beauty Is Not Skin Deep!**

**Everything that is beautiful has depth**

**Why are we talking about this today Youth?**

2 Sam 13 But he would not listen to her. 17Then he called his servant who attended him, and said, “Here! Put this woman out, away from me, and bolt the door behind her.” 18Now she had on a robe of many colors, for the king’s virgin daughters wore such apparel. And his servant put her out and bolted the door behind her. 19Then Tamar put ashes on her head, and tore her robe of many colors that was on her, and laid her hand on her head and went away crying bitterly.

**The depth of your beauty is rooted in Christ through His Spirit!**

1 Cor 6.9 Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality,3 10 nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

12 “All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. 13 “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food”—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. 14 And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. 15 Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! 16 Or do you not know that he who is joined4 to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, l“The two will become one flesh.” 17 But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. 18 Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin5 a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. 19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, 20 for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

**How does God teach us to address our inner beauty which is eternal?**

David asks in Psalm 51. 7 (biblehub_Hebrew root meaning)
**Purge** me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
**Wash me**, and I shall be whiter than snow.
**Purge** me- Purify - purify from uncleanness.
**with hyssop**- a plant used for medicinal and religious purposes
**Clean** - to be clean, be pure, to be cleansed (physically-of disease) to be clean ceremonially, to be clean morally - to present oneself for purification
**Wash** me - by treading, be washed, to wash (garments, person) to be washed out
**To make white** - and I will be whiter - be purified

**How did Christ cleanse us?**

Through Himself (the word) and His Spirit - Eph 5.26 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, 26that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, 27that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

**How does the Spirit beautify us?**

He does deep cleansing through bringing us revelation of the Word of God.

1Cor 2. 9But as it is written:

> "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard,
> Nor have entered into the heart of man
> The things which God has prepared for those who love Him."

**10**But God has revealed *them* to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. **11**For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. **12**Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.

**13**These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the [d]Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. **14**But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know *them,* because they are spiritually discerned. **15**But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is *rightly* judged by no one. **16**For "who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

**Ezekiel 16.1-18 - Losing our inner beauty**

The word of the LORD came to me: **2**"Son of man, confront Jerusalem with her detestable practices **3**and say, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says to Jerusalem: Your ancestry and birth were in the land of the Canaanites; your father was an Amorite and your mother a Hittite. **4**On the day you were born your cord was not cut, nor were you washed with water to make you clean, nor were you rubbed with salt or wrapped in cloths. **5**No one looked on you with pity or had compassion enough to do any of these things for you. Rather, you were thrown out into the open field, for on the day you were born you were despised.

**6**" 'Then I passed by and saw you kicking about in your blood, and as you lay there in your blood I said to you, "Live!" [a] **7**I made you grow like a plant of the field. You grew and developed and entered puberty. Your breasts had formed and your hair had grown, yet you were stark naked.

**8**" 'Later I passed by, and when I looked at you and saw that you were old enough for love, I spread the corner of my garment over you and covered your naked body. I gave you my solemn oath and entered into a covenant with you, declares the Sovereign LORD, and you became mine.

**9**" 'I bathed you with water and washed the blood from you and put ointments on you. **10**I clothed you with an embroidered dress and put sandals of fine leather on you. I dressed you in fine linen and covered you with costly garments. **11**I adorned you with jewelry: I put bracelets on your arms and a necklace around your neck, **12**and I put a ring on your nose, earrings on your ears and a beautiful crown on your head. **13**So you were adorned with gold and silver; your clothes were of fine linen and costly fabric and embroidered cloth. Your food was honey, olive oil and the finest flour. You became very beautiful and rose to be a queen. **14**And your fame spread among the nations on account of your beauty, because the splendor I had given you made your beauty perfect, declares the Sovereign LORD.

**15**“ ‘But you trusted in your beauty and used your fame to become a prostitute. You lavished your favors on anyone who passed by and your beauty became his. **16**You took some of your garments to make gaudy high places, where you carried on your prostitution. You went to him, and he possessed your beauty. *b* **17**You also took the fine jewelry I gave you, the jewelry made of my gold and silver, and you made for yourself male idols and engaged in prostitution with them. **18**And you took your embroidered clothes to put on them, and you offered my oil and incense before them. **19**Also the food I provided for you—the flour, olive oil and honey I gave you to eat—you offered as fragrant incense before them. That is what happened, declares the Sovereign LORD.

**Beauty is an expression of who we are in Christ and it is illustrated in Galatians -** 5.13-26

Life by the Spirit - 13You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh a ; rather, serve one another humbly in love. 14For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” b 15If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other. 16So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever c you want. 18But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. 19The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. 22But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. 24Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. 26Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.