

Pleasant View Proclaimer

Pleasant View church of Christ

Do You See What I See?

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Dove, the makers of various skin and hair care products, recently produced a video titled "Real Beauty Sketches." In it, a woman is asked to describe her appearance to a sketch artist. (The experiment is performed with several women.) After the artist finishes the sketch, another person comes in and describes the appearance of the woman. (Neither person can see the artist as he draws.) The artist then shows the two sketches to the woman. She is shocked as she looks at the two sketches. The first sketch—the one where she described herself—is less attractive than the other sketch. The woman high-

lighted her physical flaws as she described herself to the artist, but other people described her attractive features.

Nothing good can come from a sentence that begins, "I wish I were..." First, that sentence usually ends with something that's impossible to change—"I wish I were taller," "I wish I were better looking," "I wish my parents didn't act that way," etc. Also, "I wish I were..." is a sign of discontentment. We may not always be happy, but we can be satisfied with what we have at any moment of any day. "I wish I were..." shows a level of ingratitude with our current blessings. There is nothing wrong

with wanting to improve ourselves in some way. But there is great harm, both emotionally and spiritually, in constant self-criticism.

It would be a blessing to see ourselves the way others see us. I am convinced that others see us in a more positive light than we see ourselves. We need to remember that "it is He who has made us, and not we ourselves" (Psalm 100:3). We are the products of God, not His accidents. We were created with a soul, which elevates our value above the rest of creation. We need to remember that and rejoice in His blessings.

James Hayes

Items of Note:

- Jessica Humston is updating her progress and the treatment she is receiving at caringbridge.org. Search "Jessica Humston."
- Addie Farmer will have surgery on April 30.
- Donna Young will have hip replacement surgery on May 13.
- Thanks to everyone who attended the singing last night. We are blessed to have many good song leaders here at Pleasant View.

Vacation Bible School—June 9-13...Classes For All Ages

Send News To Janet Tabor at taborj@realtracs.com

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: Reed

Pray: T. Walker

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: Gupton

Serve: Demonbreum, E. Walker, J. Newell

Pray: Crabtree

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Sunday School: 9:30
A.M. Worship: 10:30
P.M. Worship: 6:00
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 pm
Phone: 924-9714

Psalm 32:5

“I acknowledged my sin to
You, and my iniquity I did
not hide; I said, “I will
confess my transgression to
the Lord”; and You forgave
the guilt of my sin.”

*“What we have done for ourselves alone dies
with us; what we have done for others and the
world remains and is immortal.”*

Albert Pike

*“He who is completely sanctified, or cleansed
from all sin, and dies in this state, is fit for
glory.”*

Adam Clarke

The Lord's Supper

Tim Zingale tells the story of a boy who was forced to live in an orphanage after his parents were killed. On his first day, his guardians supplied him with a new set of clothes. He received a new pair of pants, a few shirts, and a shiny new pair of shoes. Lastly, he was offered a hat, but he refused to accept it, choosing to keep his old, worn-out hat. After some encouragement, he finally tried on the hat and liked it. But before he discarded his old hat, he torn the lining out of it and put it in his pocket. One of his guardians watched him do it and asked why. He replied, “The lining is part of my mother’s dress; it’s all I’ve got left of her and somehow it seems to bring

her back.”

After Jesus instituted the Lord’s Supper, he said, “...do this in remembrance of Me” (Luke 22:19). There is no need to ask “Why?” when it comes to the Lord’s Supper. Jesus told us why. We eat and drink the Lord’s Supper because Jesus’ life must stay in the forefront of our minds. Let’s not forget: Jesus initially said those words to men who lived with Jesus every day—men who saw the miracles, heard the sermons, and saw the effect of all that Jesus did. And yet even *those* men had the capacity to forget all that Jesus did for them.

The Lord’s Supper was an integral part of Christian worship assemblies

on the first day of the week in the first century, and it should be an integral part of our worship assemblies today. We should “examine ourselves” we eat and drink (I Cor. 11:28). In other words, we should actively participate in the communion, not simply go through the motions of the Lord’s Supper so we can complete one of the acts of worship.

Jesus created something that brings him back to us, and we must never neglect it.

“For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes” (I Cor. 11:26).

James Hayes
