

The Beauty Within

“Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love.”

1 John 4:7-8

What does it mean to love one another? Do we love someone despite their faults? Do we love because we like the person? Or rather do we love because we see the beauty of the person? Whoever does not love...does not see beauty, nor can they love or see the beauty of themselves. What in this world or beyond this world is more beautiful than love? We are called to love another, for God loves us. If we harbor in our hearts anything less than love, we will never be able to see the awe-inspiring beauty that exists within each soul.

“I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete.”

John 15:11

If you know something to be beautiful and wonderful, do you not long for more; do you not work towards obtaining the same feelings of joy, hope and wonderment after we experience them? God is asking us to open our hearts to experience the beauty found in others, for the more we experience, the more we desire. Therefore the more we experience the true beauty found in each person, the more we look for the beauty in every person. Likewise, the more we allow others to experience the beauty within ourselves, the more we long to share that beauty with all and the more we know the beauty that lies within.

“Everything has beauty, but not everyone sees it.” Confucius

When we speak of love, do we speak of the love as the world defines it...as we see it in passing? Or do we speak of the love we have yet to experience in each other? When we talk of beauty, do we talk of what is pleasing to eye? Or do we talk of the beauty that we experience in one another?

“Never lose an opportunity of seeing anything beautiful, for beauty is God's handwriting.” Ralph Waldo Emerson

The beauty that exists within is greater than one could ever begin to comprehend; it is sweeter smiling than the first rain and more pure than falling snow. For the beauty of God dwells within and longs to be shared, to be exercised in our everyday encounters and actions. God exists within, for He wove our souls out of love, of which God Is!

Jesus, teach me how to let beauty flow forth from my soul, with the grace of a dew drop upon a rose, and with the force of a mighty waterfall. Show me the way to see the beauty in each and every soul I encounter, and may everyone see Your beauty that lives within me. Yes Lord, instill a desire in me to live in Your beauty and thrive in the power of its love. May this be my prayer of action, to live fully the beautiful truth within.

AMEN