

Isaiah 53:2

For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, And as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, There is no beauty that we should desire Him.

“Wow, look at that guy. He dresses good, wears a suit and tie to church, has no tattoos and his hair is always just right. He must be a really good Christian.”

“See her, she never wears pants, always wears a hat to church, never wears makeup or jewelry and her hair never turns gray. She must be an awesome Christian.”

“Now that guy is buffed, I wish my husband looked like that.”

“Hey, look at her, how come my wife doesn’t look like that?”

Appearance, we put so much emphasis on it. We worry what others will think if our hair isn’t just right, or if our pants have holes in the knees (But it seems that’s the trend now a days). We spend hours preparing ourselves to go into the world each day, and if our clothes are out of style, others look at us and snicker behind our backs.

We even do it as Christians, where we associate how well a person is dressed, what kind of a car they drive, how well their family looks, and so on to determine their level of Christianity.

Think about this. If a homeless person who was dirty and hungry walked into your church, would you think that he or she was not a Christian because of their appearance? Before you answer, read the description of what Jesus looked like in today’s devotional verse again.

† ***He has no form or comeliness; and when we see Him, There is no beauty that we should desire Him.***

We are used to seeing these so-called paintings or pictures of Jesus. Hair all nice and straight, no dirt on His face, and His clothes white always looking brand new. Yet we seem to forget that scripture teaches us that Jesus was homeless.

† ***Matt 8:20 And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head."***

Experienced hunger.

† ***Matt 4:2 And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry.***

And He didn’t have an entire wardrobe of clothing, but rather one article of clothing.

† **John 19:23** *Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments and made four parts, to each soldier a part, and also the tunic. Now the tunic was without seam, woven from the top in one piece.*

Jesus may have looked more like a homeless person, then one of the finely dressed religious leaders. But who had the closer relationship with God, Jesus or the religious leaders?

So what do we learn from this? Don't base others walk with the Lord upon what they look like on the outside, or what they have or don't have.

Also, don't base your relationship with the Lord upon what you have, or don't have, or how well dressed you are either.

† **Philippians 4:11-12 (NLT2)** *Not that I was ever in need, for I have learned how to be content with whatever I have. I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little.*

† **Matthew 23:27 (NLT2)** *What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs—beautiful on the outside but filled on the inside with dead people's bones and all sorts of impurity.*