

Psalm 149:4

For the LORD takes pleasure in His people; He will beautify the humble with salvation.

Have you ever seen or know someone that got saved?

If you do then you know that when someone gets saved, they look different, they look beautiful, because *He will beautify the humble with salvation* with no make up required.

It's like they used to be this dark dreary looking person who looked like they were covered in a dark lampshade, and no matter how much they tried, they looked like they had no real life in them. Then they get saved and all of sudden, it's like someone turned the light on, and what seemed to be a dark and dreary lampshade turned into a lamp shade full of color and life. Kind of like seeing a Christmas tree sitting in a dark room, with no lights on yet. But as soon as they are turned on, you see the beauty of the Christmas tree with the lights shining.

Jesus says this about the light shining through us:

✠ **Matthew 5:14-16** *You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.*

Jesus knows how beautiful we become when we are saved, because His light shines through us. People see that light and ask why the saved look so different, and the answer is Jesus, and it gives glory to God. *Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.* (underlined for emphasis)

Haven't there been times at work, or the store or pretty much anywhere when you look at someone and you can tell right away that he or she is a Christian? That's because there is something different about us that makes us stand out, and that something, is actually a someone, and that the someone is Jesus.

But then there have been times when someone says, "I'm a Christian" and you think, "Really?" because you do not see the light of Jesus shining through them, plus their lifestyle and speech does not represent a believer either.

Have you ever had someone say to you, "I knew you were a Christian, I could just tell." Or have you heard instead, "Really, you're a Christian, I never would had guessed?"

If you are just taking the title but you are really not a Christian, remember that you can only fake being a Christian for so long with an artificial light (smile and talk) until you are found out. And if you think you won't be found out here on this earth, you will be found out in heaven, and then it will be too late to change.

† **Matthew 25:31-33** *When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left.*