

# OUR BARRIER TO BEAUTY

Romans 1:18-32

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. 19 For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. 20 For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. 21 For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Claiming to be wise, they became fools, 23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things. 24 Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, 25 because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen. 26 For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; 27 and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error. 28 And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. 29 They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, 30 slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, 31 foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. 32 Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.

Our barrier to being captivated by God's beauty is our idolatrous distortion of what is beautiful.

## 1. What is Beauty?

Psalm 27:4, 96:6, 145:5,12

Why do you think it is important that there should be an absolute standard of beauty?

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## 2. True Beauty is Destroyed in the Exchange of God's Glory.

Genesis 3:6, Romans 1:18-23, Psalm 106:19-20

What areas of your life are you prone to see things in this world more beautiful than God?

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## 3. True Beauty is Destroyed in the 'Un-Fittingness' of its Nature.

Romans 1:24-28

Would you view God differently if you assessed beauty in accordance with his character and works? How?

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## 4. Christ Redeems Beauty.

Romans 1:16-17, Galatians 2:20, 1 Peter 2:4

What is Christ beautifying in your life?

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## Church Announcements

- Sunday School Adults and Kids in person:  
Commences Sunday June 27 at 9:30am.  
Adults will be studying in Ezra and Nehemiah
- Home Bible Fellowships:  
Wednesday night: 7pm The Hacker's home.  
Thursday night: 7pm The Ham's home. (and on Zoom)

## Special Request

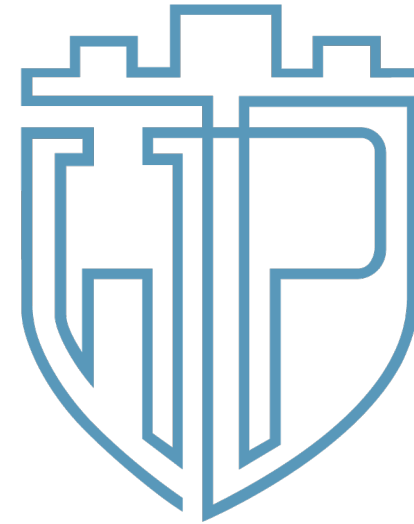
- Pray for our ongoing property needs.
- Pray for Bill and Linda resettling in Ohio.
- Pray for the safe arrival of baby Sena.

## Giving Information

**Traditional Giving:** A box is located at the rear of the auditorium.

**Online Giving:** Visit [www.HPBaptist.org/give](http://www.HPBaptist.org/give) and click the "Give" button to setup an account on Planning Center.

**Text Giving:** Text your gift amount to 84321 and follow the prompts.



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