

“The Beauty of the Lord”

Exodus 31:1-11

I. Our Lord is the consummate Artist

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth” [Genesis 1:1]

II. The Creator gifts “_____ -creators”

- A. The Lord calls Bezalel to make art!
- B. The Lord calls a _____ of artists
- C. We are called to beautify the church with art
- D. The Lord’s artistic gifts are manifold
- E. God is interested in all forms of art
- F. The Lord gives Bezalel and Oholiab the ability to _____ others

III. The Tabernacle art is all about the two greatest commandments

- A. All about God’s _____

“You shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother, for glory and for beauty” [Exodus 28:2]

Artists are worship leaders: “Look!”

Bach signing off on a composition: “For God’s glory alone”

- B. All about _____ one another

Artists war against myopia.

IV. The Lord calls all of us to be artists

- A. Some of us with specific _____

Two criteria [Exodus 36:2]

- 1. Those whom the Lord has given _____
- 2. Those who _____ have been stirred to serve Him

- B. All of us are artists in a more general sense

We are all created in the image of God [Genesis 1:26-27]

- 1. Receive – stop to take in and appreciate _____
To be people upon whom nothing is lost
- 2. _____ the gifts back to the Giver
- 3. Celebrate the artistic gifts that God has given to others
- 4. _____ art and artists, especially in the Church
- 5. Pursue excellence in whatever we do
 - a. Work before an Audience of One
 - b. Stay faithful at our _____

“Whatever you do....do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus” [Colossians 3:17]

V. Our _____ are to be works of art

"We are his _____, created in Christ Jesus for good works" [Eph. 2:10]

A. The art of _____

B. The art of _____

C. The art of _____

"In everything _____ the doctrine of God our Savior" [Titus 2:10]

VI. The _____ in His Beauty

Jesus He entered our _____ to bring us into beauty

"He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree....By his wounds you have been healed."

[First Peter 2:24]

He now reigns in unimaginable beauty, and makes beauty out of our ashes

*"Crown him the Lord of love.
Behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified."*