

## **“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."*