The Beauty of Jesus in Me
(Compiled by Paul R. Blake from Internet sources)

Introduction:
A. Let the Beauty of Jesus be seen in Me (1947)
   1. Author: Albert William Thomas Orsborn was born in Kent, England on September 4, 1886 and died February 4, 1967. He was the 6th General of The Salvation Army.
   2. Orsborn also wrote 37 other hymns including “In the Shadow of the Cross”
   3. Composer of music: Tom M. Jones
B. Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in me by my
   1. Pure manner of living
   2. Pure, wholesome speech
   3. Being a living sacrifice
   4. By means of charitable deeds
   5. By resolving to be beautiful in spirit and less concerned about physical and personal appearance
   6. By understanding that beauty in God's sight is quite different from human standards of beauty
C. Isa. 53:1-12
   1. There are no authentic likenesses of Jesus, and that includes works of so called visionaries and the shroud of Turin.
   2. NT writers say little regarding His appearance save that He was Jewish.
   3. Isaiah states He did not stand out as attractive in appearance
   4. God said next to nothing about Jesus' features; if men had written the Bible, chapters would have been devoted to describing Him
   5. God wanted our focus on His beauty, not His looks.
   6. If we are to manifest the beauty of Jesus in our own lives, we will need a similar focus on that which makes us truly beautiful, not that which merely makes us look good

I. PURE LIFE
   A. Jesus lived a pure life - Heb. 4:15; 2Cor. 5:21
      1. Never was there more pure a life lived than that of Jesus.
   B. We ought to live in purity as well - Matt. 5:8; 1Tim. 4:12; 1John 3:3
   C. To be pure, we must abstain from impure things
      1. 1Cor. 3:16; Acts 15:20; 1Thes. 4:3; 1Peter 2:11

II. PURE SPEECH
   A. Jesus always had pure speech - 1Peter 2:22; Isa 53:9
   B. Our manner of speech must be pure as well - 1Pet. 2:1; Prov. 4:24; Eph. 4:29
   C. This means that we must abstain from:
      1. Telling dirty jokes - Eph. 5:4
      2. Engaging in gossip - Prov. 26:20-22
      3. Lying - Eph. 4:25
III. LIVING SACRIFICE
   A. Jesus life was characterized by personal sacrifice
      1. Matt. 8:20; John 10:17-18; Phil. 2:5-8
   B. Our lives need to be characterized by sacrifice as well
      1. Rom. 12:1-2; Gal. 2:20; Matt. 16:24-25
   C. What sacrifices must we make?
      1. By putting all of our personal needs and interests second - Matt. 6:33
      2. By giving generously of our resources for the Lord - 2Cor. 8:1-3
      3. By avoiding social engagements that are destructive to our influence or that place us in the way of temptation - 1Peter 4:3-4

IV. CHARITABLE DEEDS
   A. Jesus did kind things to and for others - Acts 10:38; Matt. 15:32, 20:34
   B. We must be about the business of being kind to and doing good for others
      1. Gal. 6:10; Heb. 13:16
   C. How do we engage good deeds? - James 1:27, 2:15-16; 1Tim. 6:17-18

Conclusion:
   A. “It is Jesus that you seek when you dream of happiness; He is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you; He is the beauty to which you are so attracted; it is He who provoked you with that thirst for fullness that will not let you settle for compromise; it is He who urges you to shed the masks of a false life; it is He who reads in your heart your most genuine choices, the choices that others try to stifle” (K.J. Wojtyla).
   B. “Salvation was bought not by Jesus' fist, but by His nail-pierced hands; not by muscle but by love; not by vengeance but by forgiveness; not by force but by sacrifice. Jesus Christ our Lord surrendered in order that He might win; He destroyed His enemies by dying for them and conquered death by allowing death to conquer Him” (A.W. Tozer).