

When an infant is born, family quickly begins to evaluate the physical attributes – he’s got dimples like his dad, she’s got her mom’s red hair, the pointy nose from grandpa, the high cheek bones, the chubby legs, the crooked nose, or the long toes. So many similar attributes, you sure can’t deny that this is your child.

He looks just like me..... She looks just like me.....

Reminds me of picking out a puppy. We did this a few weeks ago, simply by a picture on the internet.

Look at all the attributes, white stripe down the nose with a bigger white patch on the right side, the white hair collar around the neck, the pointed nose, and the white tipped tail, and the pointy ears.

We chose her by her attributes, because they were familiar to us, they were just like our loved family member. This new puppy was welcomed in the family and I wondered, does the older dog look at her attributes and think, she looks just like me?

In 1 Corinthians 4 and 11, Paul says to “Imitate me as I imitate Christ”

What does God see when he looks at us, do we look like Him; and demonstrate his attributes: loving, compassionate, full of mercy, and forgiving, dressed in righteousness.

Will he look at us and say, “Come home with me, you look just like me”

How do we become dressed in righteousness, the righteousness of God?

An excerpt from the song, “Christ Alone” says; dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

2 Corinthians 5:21

He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Philippians 1:9-11

And this I pray, that our love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ, having been filled with the fruit of righteousness which comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

1 Peter 2:21-24

For you have been called for this purpose since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example to follow in His steps, who committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in His mouth, and while being reviled He did not revile in return, while suffering, He uttered no threats ,but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously, and He himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness, for by His wounds you were healed.

When God looks at His children, he sees a people dressed in His righteousness, a people whose sins are covered, forgiven, by the blood of Jesus Christ.

Looks just like me.....

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Prayer:

Heavenly Father, thank you for making salvation possible. Thank you for giving your Son to die for our sins so that we can be at peace with you. Thank you that when you look upon us, you see your righteousness. Please forgive our sins and bless our communion together. Bless the unleavened bread and fruit of the vine that reminds us of the death of Jesus. In His name we pray, Amen.