

## Chapter 25 SPOTLESS!

Song of Solomon 4:7

*"Your are all fair, my love, and there is no spot in you".*

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What do we think when we read this verse?

Is it "Can these words really refer to me or am I uncertain that they do?"

Where do we go in our reflections on this verse, surely a verse to contemplate, dwell on and digest? Are our thoughts drawn upwards to the Cross - and what happened there?

As in all things, our answer is in the written Word. 2 Corinthians 5.17 tells us that whosoever received and believes the word of Christ has become "a new creation"; new because God Himself comes to indwell the believer by His Spirit, the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of the Father, the Spirit of Christ, the Spirit of Truth. The believer has been *"born again"* into a new life, true life (John 3:3).

As a new creation, are we forgiven, or partly forgiven? Oh no, no, not partly, but **totally** forgiven. Jesus took us and the full burden of our sin into Himself on the Cross. He bore the full wrath of God against all sin, past, present and future. The believer is a 'new creation', fully justified before the Father and accepted with joy into His family.

Is there not great joy in contemplating this wonderful truth; great release in the fact that we are now free from the power and misery of the bondage of guilt. This reminds me of the words of an old hymn,

"My chains fell off, my heart was free,  
I rose went forth and followed Thee".

('And can it be that I should gain' - Charles Wesley 1707 - 1788)

**Free;** we are free to love Him, *'because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us'* (Romans 5:5) And so *"we love Him, because He first loved us"* (1 John 4:19), and, as people of faith, we can go on in the pathway of life walking in communion with our Saviour, seeking to glorify Him by obedience, knowing that, in all things, God's way is the right way.

*"Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand and rejoice in hope of the glory of God." (Romans 5 :1-2)*

An amazing truth for His redeemed children is that, in His Love, the Father - who IS love, has no degrees of love. His pure, holy Love is a complete Love. The Lord Jesus, prior to His agony in the Garden prays *"I in them and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me."* (John 17:23)

In the words that Jesus spoke to the Father, *"and have loved them as You have loved me"*, comes a picture that you and I are loved with a pure, holy love that is rock solid, unchanging for all eternity ; we are loved with a fullness and completeness of Love that is beyond our understanding; we who trust in the sufficiency of the saving grace of the Cross stand forever perfected in His sight.

And so, returning to our opening verse, the Father says to each of His children, in Christ,

*"You are all fair, my love, and there is no spot in you."*

Another rendering of this verse from the Amplified Bible is:-

*"O my love, how beautiful you are! There is no flaw in you!"*

What peace, what serenity there is in taking this truth into ourselves that this is how God sees us, who, by His grace and the response of faith in Christ, have become His own.

May we, day by day, live in the joy of being SPOTLESS in the Father's eyes, loved by our Father no less than He loves His beloved Son. What a glorious revelation.

*"And He died for all, that those who live should live no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again." (2 Corinthians 5:15)*

## **Prayer**

Father, Your great and wonderful redeeming Love through Your Son, fills me also with the desire to live for Him who died for me. Thank you that Your promise is to continue the work that you have started in me (Phil 1:6).