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## Jesus Is Beautiful

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Probably none of us will ever forget our first love. You know, the person with whom you were absolutely convinced that you would spend the rest of your life. Do you remember your first love? Well, I do. It was kindergarten (Okay, so maybe it wasn't really "love"). I was all of six years old! Wise beyond my years and I had spotted a little girl that was absolutely beautiful! Next to her, all the other little girls paled in comparison. And I wasn't the only boy who thought this way. In fact, all the boys in kindergarten were in love with this girl. She was beautiful. Her curly long brown hair, pretty eyes, and smile that exposed the gap where her two front teeth used to be was captivating. For the next couple years, as far as I was concerned, it didn't matter if some other girl said she liked me, because I wasn't interested in girls, you see, I was just interested in her.

Now why would I be revealing this story from past? Because it reminds me of the lyrics of a song that I learned a few years ago. The song goes like this...

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,  
Look full in His wonderful face.  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,  
In the light of His glory and grace.

Isn't it true? Once one looks fully into the face of Jesus, how can he not be captivated by his beauty? When one compares all the things in the world with which one can fall in love, they are nothing compared to the beauty of Jesus. Once one has seen Jesus for who he is, he loses interest in other things that might compete for our love and attention. Money, fame, position, power, entertainment, work, family, etc., - they all have their appeal, but they are nothing when compared alongside of Jesus!

Do you want to go to Heaven some day? Then take this suggestion. Don't fall in love with the first attractive thing that catches your attention in life. Don't settle for second best. Instead, get to know Jesus. Get to know him well. And when you do, you'll find that all the things earth has to offer will begin to dim and pale in comparison to Jesus.