

Extreme Makeover: Christ Edition

*“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, she is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”
2 Corinthians 5:17*

I used to love watching makeover shows on television. The format is always the same—a woman wearing ill-fitting clothes and an outdated hairstyle meets a team of style experts who take her to Nordstrom and then the salon. The best part, of course, is always the big reveal at the end, where the woman emerges in a sparkly new outfit, her hair and makeup perfectly set.

I think I was drawn to these makeover shows because I felt like I was witnessing a pivotal point in these women’s lives—I was privy to the exact moment they were transformed, the exact time they began their fresh start. It felt *big*.

True transformation, however, has nothing to do with a new wardrobe or haircut. While those sorts of external changes can indeed make us feel better about ourselves, the only way we can be deeply and genuinely changed is by dedicating our hearts to Jesus Christ.

Because of what Jesus did on the cross—because of His ultimate sacrifice on our behalf—we are able to begin anew at any moment. We can start fresh at any time.

This spring, I am looking for a makeover from God. My clothes may not look trendy and my haircut won’t make headlines, but that’s OK. I’m more interested in being clothed in a passion for knowing Jesus and accessorizing with a commitment to loving others in His name.

Natalie Grant’s song “Make Me Over” reminds me of the type of transformation I’m looking for. Perhaps the chorus will be your prayer this month, as well as mine.

Make me over, make me new.

Make me a mirror, a reflection of you.

Take me all apart,

Take me to your heart and pull me closer.

Oh Jesus, make me over.

Let’s forget “What Not To Wear” and “Extreme Makeover,” and instead make our big reveal this spring one that honors and glorifies our Savior.

Blessings,

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