

Behind the Mask:



Suggested Presentation:

- Someone that can Face Paint a Child during the Lesson.
- A Face Mask or two [Not Ghoulish]
- White-Board/Markers

Introduction

Exodus 33: 20 And He said, Thou canst not see my face; for there shall no man see me and live.

Exodus 34:29..And it came to pass, when Moses came down from mount Sinai with the two tables of testimony in Moses' hand, when he came down from the mount, that Moses wist not that the skin of his face shone while he talked with him.

I Corinthians 13:12 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face; now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

In the Old Testament Moses goes up Mt Sinai to receive the TEN COMMANDMENTS written with the very Hand of God Himself. He goes up there alone as commanded by God; and when he gets there, God tells him to hide in the cleft of the rock because if a living human being were to see God as God [not God in human flesh; but God as He really is in all of His Glory and in His Majesty and Pure Perfection] man would DIE.

Moses hides from the face of God but talks directly with Him and actually sees just the back of God; and he doesn't realize he has a deep Son-Burn.

The Bible tells us in the New Testament that once we leave these bodies behind [sinful bodies] if we are born-again/saved folks that we can see Him face to face.

What does that tell you?

Through YOUR eyes:

James 1:23-24 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

Have you ever watched a girl or a woman in front of a mirror? Tugging on her clothes; standing up straight; redoing the hair; putting on makeup, changing jewelry or clothes or jackets perhaps three times before leaving the house?

There are false eyelashes, color to cover up any freckle or pimple you have. False teeth, wigs, hairpieces; and feathers to put in your hair are all available. Padded clothes, clothes with elastic bands to hide big bellies, all kinds of devices to make us look like something we are NOT can be bought off of the shelf.

I have a couple of masks today and need volunteers to let us disguise who you are.

Here are a couple of masked folks:

- Changes the appearance really well, don't you think?
- Does it change who is really under the mask?
- Changes only the perceptions.

Today we are going to MASK someone another way. Putting on a disguise or painting a character face is fun. So we are just going to get someone all dolled up today with a MASK, that is a painted face.

While our Face Painter works on the subject [a student] let's look at things to keep in mind:

Things to keep in mind:

- Does this change WHO is really under the paint?
- Does this change anything?
 - Appearance?
 - Perception of the individual?
 - Anything else?

Through God's Eyes:

I Samuel 16:7for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.

Name some ways you can CHANGE your appearance:

- Hair Color/ Hats/ Clothing/ Masks/ Lighting in a Room

Name some ways you can CHANGE your HEART:

- Attitudes adjustments/ sympathy/empathy/motivations

Now NAME THE ONLY WAY YOUR HEART WILL TRULY BE **Permanently Changed:**

- Salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ

Summation:

In short review:

Look at the differences you can make in your outward appearance.

Look at the differences you can make in your actions.

NONE of the above will do a permanent and complete change in your appearance OR your heart. You can fool your parents, your pastor, your teachers, yourself! But you can't fool God.

Present the Plan of Salvation here.