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## WATER OF LIFE

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Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

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**Sermon Text: Song Of Solomon 1:5**

***Black But Comely***

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**5: I am black, but comely, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, as the tents of Kedar, as the curtains of Solomon.**

In the opening verses of Genesis One, we read:

1: In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

2: And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

3: And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

4: ***And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.***

5: And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

So when God created light, at first the light was mysteriously mingled with the darkness.

This is the exact condition of the Bride in Song Of Solomon 1:5. While it is true that she has been reborn by the Holy Spirit and his Word, and is therefore a child of light, it is just as true that this light is mingled with darkness in her.

The Bride is very much aware of this condition. And so, in humility, she says to the daughters of Jerusalem—***“I am black.”*** But at the same time she acknowledges the work of the Holy Spirit within her, so she adds—***“but comely.”***

Every true child of God can relate to this. And we say with Paul in Romans 7—

“18: For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. 19: For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. 20: Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. 21: I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. 22: For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: 23: But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. 24: O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?”

This is for sure an uncomfortable position we find ourselves in. But thankfully, it will not last. The day will come when the Lord God will divide the light from the darkness. So hang in there!