

A MESSAGE ON YOUR GOD-GIVEN WORTH
HOW GOD SEES US
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Scripture teaches us that God sees his created ones in a very positive light. Genesis records the pleasure God experienced when he admired the man and woman He created:

“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them... And God saw all that he had made, and it was very good” (Genesis 1:27, 31).

Obviously we are not created by God in the same sense that Adam and Eve were; nor are we “conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary” as Jesus was.

It was God who created us all by the fantastic plan of genetics that brings complex human life from the simple (and pleasurable) act of a sperm fertilizing an egg, obeying the laws that God set in motion and continues to sustain. We are amazing creatures of God’s design and God has high hopes for his creation, therefore He values us highly.

We are not one of 101 Dalmatians. We are not one of 101 musicians assembled to play the oboe in unison. We are part of a symphony orchestra that needs a wide variety of sounds and rhythms. There is a place and a fit for each of us. As I have quoted in previous articles, Scripture says:

“For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do” (Ephesians 2:10).

Yet, to truly understand the worth of an individual, we must see humanity in stages:

1. Created in God’s image.
2. Fallen and marred by self-will and sin.
3. Redeemed and transformed by Christ.
4. Restored to the image of God.

I’m not suggesting that everyone is transformed by Christ, but that everyone can be! Although Christ has paid for our redemption through His death for us on the cross, our redemption and transformation only take effect when we accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior and surrender our lives to love, follow and serve Him. Salvation is not universal; it is individual. It happens when, as individuals, we entrust our lives to Jesus and trust in His sacrifice to redeem us from the penalty and power of our sin.

Then as redeemed ones, our lives belong to Him and He has a plan for us to follow and fulfill..