

YOU are Valuable

It doesn't matter what people think. It doesn't even matter what you think. **YOU ARE VALUABLE!** People cannot place the true value on you because people did not create you. You cannot place the true value on yourself because you did not create yourself. Only **your CREATOR can place the true value on you.**

Years ago, a mighty king named David, prayed to God and said, "What is man, that thou art mindful of him? And the son of man, that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast **crowned him with glory and honour!**"

David realized that our lives as humans seem so insignificant. He realized that we seem like we are really nothing. And yet, he knew that God made us and crowned us with GLORY and HONOUR. The scriptures reveal that God made us "in HIS own image." He made us with a special identity unlike anyone else: **to be like HIM** (pure and honest, good and wise). The scriptures also testify that "God made man upright." He made us with a noble purpose: to OBEY HIM in his kingdom, and govern the earth by HIS wisdom.

This is no SMALL thing!

However, when we look around today, it doesn't seem like we are that valuable anymore. It doesn't seem like people even really value each other anymore. Crimes, violence, and corruption FILL the earth. And even confusion, fear, and error fill our own hearts and minds. What happened?

We have an ENEMY!

There is an enemy who hates the God who made us and wants to destroy EVERYTHING he made. He especially wants to destroy us! And so this enemy has created lies, fear and bondage to terrorize us and keep us from the love of the God who made us. He has introduced disobedience, wickedness and sin to corrupt us all so that we might become slaves to his kingdom of darkness! He wants us to become enemies of the true God and his kingdom of light. And unfortunately, we have ALL fallen prey to his devices... for the scriptures testify that: "All we like sheep have gone astray." "All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." "They are ALL gone out of the way... the way of peace have they not known"

We have lost our IDENTITY!

Many today don't even know they have a CREATOR! And many have no idea why we are here or what our purpose is! Looking around at the world today and watching the news it almost seems like there is no hope.... **Have we lost our VALUE for ever?**

Thankfully, our CREATOR is far wiser than our enemy. And HE made a way to restore us to our perfect identity. He made a way to cleanse us from ALL our sins and fears and confusion. He made a way for us to be pure in the truth, free from evil, and full of life. He made a way for us to reach our true value that HE created us for.

And the way is JESUS CHRIST!

Jesus Christ said "I am the way, the truth, and the life..." Jesus was the perfect example of what God created man to be. He was pure in heart, strong in spirit, kind, compassionate and always spoke the truth. He never fell into temptation or sin. He never gave up on doing his Father's will no matter what the cost! Jesus didn't come to seek the temporary glory of this corrupt world. He didn't respect the rich and despise the poor. He didn't honor religious men and shun the sinners.... NO, Jesus Christ cared for EVERY SOUL. He cared so much, that he obeyed his Father to the point of dying for us. He suffered the penalty for OUR sins. He payed the wages for OUR disobedience. And he did this so that we could be FREE!

He paid the ultimate price for our SOUL!

You are "not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold... but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish, and without spot." "Christ died for our sins..." He "gave himself a ransom for all." **Jesus paid the full price for us!**

God determined that the value of your soul is worth far more than money (even silver and gold)... he has stated that the value of your soul is the precious life-blood of his Son, the Lord Jesus Christ!

And that's not the end... Jesus rose from the dead conquering death itself! And he has ascended back into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father **with ALL power in heaven and earth!** He has shattered the power of Satan for those who walk in his light! And he will come back to bring his kingdom to this earth so that all who believe and seek him by faith may reign with him!

Jesus Christ said, "To him that overcometh will I grant to **sit with me in my throne**, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne."

What a promise! To sit with the Lord of glory in his eternal kingdom.... don't be fooled, YOU are valuable! Don't let the devil deceive you into thinking that your value is found in the things of this world... don't let him lead you to lose ALL your value and be cast into everlasting fire... **NO, turn to Jesus Christ with ALL your heart!** Turn back to your Creator and Redeemer. Call upon him. Read the Bible to learn of him. Pray to him and see him do mighty things. You are valuable... because of HIM!

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