

How God Sees Us.

His Children

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Foreword

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Chapter 1

GOD'S DIVINE PERCEPTION

Have you ever wondered, How does God see me?" I used to. Then one day I decided to ask the Lord himself, Lord how do you see me? and he answered me through his word. As he took me through his word I was amazed at God's perception of us and saw that he didn't look at us as we look at ourselves. While I looked upon myself as a failure to God, he on the other hand didn't look on me like this at all in fact quite the opposite.

Most people don't seem to think about God in this way. They seem to take it for granted that they are not very good as far as God's concerned, and yet nothing could be further from the truth. If we would now start to look at ourselves with God's eyes we would see ourselves as a lot more important to God than we first thought. And our own self-esteem would grow by leaps and bounds and we would love ourselves a heck of a lot more. "We are his children "

When first I asked God, How do you see me?" this was the first scripture he gave me.

Ephesians1: 4: Long ago even before he made the world, God chose you. He decided then to make you "Holy In His Eyes. Without a single fault we who stand before him, covered with his love, his unchanging plan has always been, to adopt us into his own family, by sending Christ to die for us and he did this all because he wanted to;

If you were to sit down and study this piece of scripture and all that God is saying in it, you would come to a greater knowledge of God than you have ever had before. You would begin to see God in a new light, especially about how he feels about you. You would begin to understand the unconditional love that God has for us.

And the feelings of failing God would leave you, never to return. We would begin to see God for who he is - LOVE. Pure love, and if you ever read **1 Corinthians: 13**, you will see how pure love reacts. Love **sees** no wrong. Our concept of God is very limited we can't seem to imagine him as all loving and all caring, and yet he is indeed our creator. He made us in his own image and likeness - Genesis 1. In other words he sees us like himself

Chapter 2

BREAKING THE SCRIPTURE DOWN

Let's break the scripture down and examine it in prayer.

Pray first with me.

Lord I ask you to help me understand your love and vision of me, so that I may come to love you more deeply, through this awareness of how you see me.

Long ago even before he made the world - realise this that it was long ago, that God decided to make you Holy and it was nothing to do with you at all. Nothing of yourself could make God love you more than he does already.

God is so incredible that even before you were born or even thought of by your parents, he had already decided that you who would come to him would be **Holy in his eyes**. It defies all human logic. How could someone love you and not even know you. But God is not human, he is God and as the scriptures say 'who can know the mind of God?' and God does know you. He says in Jeremiah, "before I formed you in the womb I knew you through and through.

God chooses you to be his very own. Tell me something - would God choose junk to love? Would he choose something that was corrupt and foul? Of course not! God is Love and love chooses to see the best in others. **1 Corinthians: 13:** Read that chapter along with this book, to get a better perspective of God's word.

Make me Holy in his eyes. They say love is blind and I am sure that it only really applies to God's love for us, as all other loves have conditions on them. Love seems to blind God to our faults and failings, or maybe we look on our faults and failings in a negative way. God looks on everything positively, whilst we see our faults as terrible failures. God on the other hand seems to see them as means of growth and looks on them quite differently. I wish I could truly see my faults in this light. I think I am starting to get there as the more I study God's word, the more I see how incredibly loving he truly is, and the more I see me from his perspective. Did you know that HOLY means to be like God? That is the meaning in the dictionary. It is awesome to think that God sees me like him.

No one can make you or I holy - the Pope can not, the Queen of England can not. No one can, except God. He is the only one who can make you and I holy and he didn't make us holy because we deserve it, because we don't. He did it to please himself. Holy in his sight - to him we look holy all the time. I know we sin and do wrong but God's word does not change for either you or I. it remains firm in heaven. You see, we forget that once we accept Jesus as Lord and Savior, the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all wrong and the Holy Spirit convicts us of sin and what do we always do, the minute we sin? We say, **oh God I am sorry I shouldn't have done that.** Even as you are sinning you are saying, I shouldn't be doing this. Isn't that true? Think about it - we are in a continual state of sinning and repenting, because we don't want to sin any more, even though we still do. God knows this and he puts it into our hearts to repent, by the presence of his Holy Spirit within us.

When did God make me holy? Was it when I became a Christian, a charismatic, a priest, a nun or a religious person? NO, it was **long ago even before he made the world**. In other words you had nothing to do with it at all. It was all God's doing, nothing to do with you. It sort of deflates your ego a bit to think you didn't earn your right to be holy. God is amazing. Before you or I were either bad or good, God had already decided to make you and I holy, because it suited him. Your friends, your mum or dad might not think of you as holy, but their opinion does not matter to God.

Without a single fault. It is almost impossible to see yourself without a single fault. I say almost because some people may feel this way about themselves, thinking of themselves as perfect and I don't have the right to say it's impossible for us all to see ourselves without a single fault. God sees you and I without a single fault, even **one fault'**. I bet if I asked you to make a list of your faults, you would fill a page with them if you were honest. We don't see ourselves the way God sees us. We see every fault and failing, but God does not see those faults and failings, because he did something to prevent himself from seeing them - he **covered us with his love**.

Chapter 3

COVERED WITH HIS LOVE

God covered you and I with his own love to avoid seeing our faults and failings, just so that he could look on us with total love. As parents, don't we look on our kids as so beautiful when they are little; they don't seem to do any wrong and even when they do it we overlook it because they are only children. I'll let you into a secret - God never refers to his people as adults, he calls them **my little children**. Think about this and you will begin to understand the mind of God, "**My little children, MY BABIES**. A baby does not do wrong. It may wreck the plants, the TV, pour coffee on the

video but still we don't consider it to be doing wrong in the sense of doing a wrong to be severely punished for. We see them as growing up, learning not to do things like pouring coffee on the video or wrecking the plants. We punish them to show them that they should not do that again. We maybe do it a few times until they learn not to do it again. The same rules apply with God - he too punishes us for doing wrongs and we if we have gained any sense, we stop doing wrong. We are in a continual state of growing up as children - children of an Almighty God and Father.

Children - that's what we are to God - who are learning to be better children. If you think of yourself as one of God's children, you might not think so little of yourself.

Covered with His Love - that's what you're covered with - **His Love**. That beautiful love of God is so great that he covers all our faults and failings with the **Blood of Jesus**. We will never be able to understand the depth of God's love and mercy. It is so great that we could never understand its enormity. However, God wants us to come to an understanding of some of it and the hardest part for some of us is **to accept it without conditions**. God's love is unconditional and that is hard for us as human beings to understand. There are so many conditions put on human love that it is hard for us to separate unconditional love from the type of love, which we have for one another.

GOD IS LOVE ITSELF - **pure** and undefiled, non-contaminated. 1 Corinthians 13 tells us what real love is.

1 John 4: 10 says, " in this act we see what real love is. It is not our love for God, but his love for us, when he sent his son to satisfy God's anger against our sins".

In other words he put Jesus to death for our sins, so that he wouldn't have to punish us poor human beings for all our wrongdoing. That is love - when you do something deliberately so that you won't be able to see someone's mistakes. Many a mother

has covered over her kid's wrong doing, to keep them from being punished by dad. Why did she do that? It was because of her love for them. Even though they deserved to be punished, she still protected them. Have you ever done anything like that? Have you ever overlooked your kids doing wrong? You saw them doing it and you still overlooked it and didn't take it on. I know that I have, many times. God is love and love overlooks the faults that we have. You can contradict God as often as you like, but I have decided that if he says I am holy in his sight, then who am I to argue with the one whom made me or to reject what he says about me? God is never wrong, no matter how much we think he is in regard to us and how we look in his eyes.

Chapter 4

HIS UNCHANGING PLAN

His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family, by sending Jesus to die for us. There is nothing you can do to make God change his mind about you. His word says 'his unchanging plan'. That means that nothing can make him change his mind regarding you and his plans for you. Accept that overwhelming love that God has for you and begin to believe that God is not wrong about how he sees you.

To adopt you into his own family - that's great news. Jesus said "**I have come to bring you good news**" and that news was that God the father wanted to bring us into his own family. Think about this - you are now one of God's kids and parents love their kids.

By sending Jesus to die for us. God's great plan, which Satan tried to destroy, was to send Jesus to take the punishment for all the sins of the world upon his own body, on the cross on Calvary. He even went to hell in our place, so that we weak human beings could be forgiven for all our sins and wrongdoings. Then he went before God the Father with his blood and covered us with that

blood, so that God would see the covering over us - the forgiveness obtained by his son Jesus forever and see us as holy in his sight, covered by his love - Jesus' Blood.

Chapter 5

ALL BECAUSE HE WANTED TO

All because he wanted to. Do you see this? It was all because God wanted to do this for you and me. Not because someone persuaded him, or because he saw that you and I were great, or had some great quality, something he could be proud of. **NO**, he did it all **because he wanted to**. You can't get any simpler than that, can you? People have been asked why they did this or that, and they answered, "just because **I wanted to**." Can God not do what he wants, even if it **contradicts mans logical thinking**? **God** did all this because he wanted to, because he loved us, **unconditionally**.

Your mother and father may never have wanted you as unfortunately is the case for so many people, but **God wanted you, and he planned for you to spend eternity with him in unimaginable joy and happiness**. If you have never felt wanted in your life, realise now that God - your heavenly father, always wanted you. Our time on earth is only for a short period of time but we will spend eternity with God, loved forever just for ourselves. **GOD HAS A PLAN FOR YOU**

Jeremiah 29:11: "For I know the plans I have for you", says the Lord. They are plans for good and not for evil, to give you hope and a future.

Not only did God want you but he also has great plans for you - to give you hope and a future. **I pray that you will come into that awareness of God's great plan for you.**

Chapter 6

FOREVER PERFECT IN HIS SIGHT

Hebrews 10:14- for by that one offering [Jesus dying on the cross] HE made forever perfect in his sight, all those whom he is making holy.

This is another scripture, which God showed me in reference to **how he sees you and I**. Through Jesus Christ's offering of himself on the cross on Calvary God made you and I perfect in his sight, forever. Look at what this scripture is saying to you - you are **forever perfect in the sight of God**. What does forever mean? Just that - forever, forever, for always, never ending, goes on and on. That's how we look to God and that my friend is good news, the very good news that Jesus came to bring. How do we please God? Scripture tells us it was by believing that Abraham pleased God, Hebrews 11:6. Faith believes God. That is what pleases God, not contradicting him by saying I'm no good and things like that. The world tells you, you're no good. Everybody around you at one time or another tells you your faults and failings, but God **tells you that you're forever perfect in his sight**. Whom do you choose to believe?

ROMANS 1:17: The good news tells us that God makes us ready for heaven, makes us **right in his sight**, when we put our faith in God trusting Christ to save us;

God's word here tells you what I have been trying to get across to you. The good news is that God does all these things and it's nothing to do with us, apart from the fact we need to believe God

and accept what he says in his own word about us. We have to decide for ourselves "do I believe God or others?" I, for my part have already decided to believe God, even if it's hard to believe. I have chosen to believe God, to please him with my decision, and I am sticking to it no matter how I feel. At those times when I fail to live up to what I should be, I will forgive myself and then put it behind me every time. I know Satan tries to get me to condemn myself when I do wrong, but **Romans 8:1 tells me. "There is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus."**

I refuse from this moment on, to condemn myself because God sees me as holy in his sight, forever perfect to him.

Romans 4:5: For God declares sinners to be GOOD in his sight, if they have faith in Christ to save them from God's wrath;

Do you consider yourself to be a sinner? If you do, then God declares you to be **good in his sight**, if you **have faith in Christ**, [to have faith is to believe] [to believe is to choose - to decide one way or another about something]. Most people don't think about faith and what it really is. All of us believe one way or another about something. I believe in healing or I don't believe in healing - one way or another you believed, by choice.

Romans 5:1 So 'now' once we have been made right in God's sight, by faith in his promises, we can have real peace with him.

Again we can see the extent of God's love as he tries again and again, to reassure us of his love. And when does he say we are made right in his sight? "**NOW**" and when is now? Exactly what it says - right this moment "**now**", we have been made right in God's sight. I cannot express strongly enough, that it's now, this very moment that you are perfect in God's sight - **in his eyes**. You're not going to be perfect tomorrow or the day after, or when you get your act together, because there's not a thing you can do to make yourself holy or perfect to God. It is all his own work

because he wanted to do this for you from before time began, before he made the world.

Romans 8:29 - For from the very beginning God decided that those who came to him should become like his son, so that his son would be the first, with many brothers. And having chosen us. HE declared us not guilty of offending him, filled us with Christ's own goodness, and gave us right standing with himself and promised us his own glory;

If you do not believe this, and have checked this with your own bible and still don't believe, then my friend you are calling God a liar and saying that what Jesus did for us on Calvary was not enough. That he would need to do more for me to believe him. That's sad. As scripture says - **without faith you can not please God.**

Don't believe what I have written; check it out with your own bible. In fact, I recommend that you read the book of Romans, especially the first eight chapters. See for yourself all the things Jesus done, not just how he sees you. It will really blow your mind to see the extent of God's plan being unfolded through only eight chapters of this book. This is only a small part of God's word. **Remember the bible is the living word of God.**

I pray that this small book will help you to come into a greater understanding of God's love for you, and if it has helped you in any way I would love to hear from you;

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