

YOU ARE IMPORTANT TO GOD

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From the world's point of view most of us are not very important. Some of us have enjoyed some degree of success in our professions, and maybe we are somewhat important where we work, but for the most part the world does not really recognize us as important. From religion's or religious people's point of view we are unworthy or even worthless, and if we grovel and suffer and beg maybe God may notice us a little. That is not what God thinks of us. To God we are very important, we are precious, and priceless. God has waited for all eternity to have fellowship with His sons. God thought so much of us that He sent Jesus Christ to die for us, and He raised him from the dead and gave us the gift of holy spirit and eternal life.

Romans 5:7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would dare to die.

5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Ephesians 1:4 According as he [God] hath chosen us in him [Jesus Christ] before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

God thought so much of us that He sent his son to be our sin sacrifice, and God chose us before the foundation of the world and He made us holy and without blame before Him in love.

1 John 3:1 Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

We are very important to God because we are His sons, we are His seed, we are His offspring, we are in the family and household of God. Those of you who are parents love your children even when they misbehave. But when people think of God the Father, they somehow let the world or religion trick them into thinking that He does not love and cherish them because they are imperfect.

Luke 11:11 If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if *he ask* a fish, will he give him a serpent?

11:12 Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?

11:13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

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I John 1:5b God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

If we being imperfect give good gifts to our children, then how can God Almighty do less for His sons? When the world says that we are unimportant, they only show their ignorance of God and His Word. When religion says that we are unimportant and worthless, they contradict God's Word and attribute darkness and evil to God. God is not capable of doing evil and He is Light, not darkness.

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"Religion has made the Word of God of non-effect by its tradition. That is why today men and women are living in deserts of spiritual despair and they drink from the stagnant pool of tradition instead of the fountain-head of God's revealed and written Word."

"You will always live below par if you go by tradition, or by religion, or by what people say."

We are important to God because know God's Word and we have the ability and desire to make it known. We speak God's Word, not the religious traditions or worldly wisdom.

II Corinthians 5:18 And all things *are* of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;

5:19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

5:20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech *you* by us: we pray *you* in Christ's stead be ye reconciled to God.

We are God's ambassadors sent to deliver a message, the Word of God. Anyone who is an ambassador for God and Christ has to be very important; the ambassador represents God and Jesus Christ in this world. God has committed unto His ambassadors the word of reconciliation, and He has given us the ministry of reconciliation. In this day and time God has given us the responsibility and ability of reconciling man to God. Obviously He must have a very high opinion of us.

Proverbs 13:17b a faithful ambassador *is* health.

We are faithful to speak the Word of God in love, and then we heal and bless God's people. We can heal the broken hearted, heal their bodies, and bless their lives. This is not a small thing in God's sight.

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John 14:12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater *works* than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

God has given us the ability to do the works of Jesus Christ, and we can also do greater works. We can lead people into the new birth and we can minister the fullness of the holy spirit so that each believer can be a son of God with eternal life, and operate all nine manifestations of holy spirit.

John 4:23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

4:24 God *is* a Spirit: they that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth.

We have the privilege to worship God truthfully by way of the spirit; we can speak in tongues the wonderful works of God. A lot of people in this world are not even Christians, and most of those who are Christians either do not speak in tongues or do not believe in speaking in tongues. Only a small percentage of the people in the world speak in tongues. God wants all of His people to speak in tongues.

I Corinthians 14:5a I would that ye all spake with tongues

We can also pray with our understanding and get results.

John 14:13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

When we pray to God in the name of Jesus Christ, then God listens to our prayers and He is glorified when they are answered. God is highly motivated to answer our prayers because He loves us and He gets the glory when we are blessed. We boldly go to God and ask Him for what He wants to give us, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Romans 8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

8:27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what *is* the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according *to the will* of God.

When we pray in the spirit, we can pray perfectly; God intercedes in situations to deliver God's people. We can suppress the evil in this world. The whole world of unbelievers and believers is blessed by our presence and stand.

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James 4:7b Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

I John 4:4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

We are very important to God, we are very valuable to Him; therefore, He only wants the best for us.

John 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I [Jesus Christ] am come that they might have life and that they might have *it* more abundantly.

III John 2 Beloved I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

Philippians 4:19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

Romans 8:37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

God wants us to have a life which is more than abundant. He wants us to be in health and prosper. God promises to supply all of our needs. He says we can do all things through Christ, and He says that we are more than conquerors.

The choice is yours - believe God, or believe lies.

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