

WHAT ARE YOU WORTH
SERIES: Living in the Presence of God
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THE MYTH OF SELF-WORTH.

Self-worth is actually based on how we PERCEIVE significant people in our life value us. We need a reliable and trustworthy source, a standard outside ourselves to discover our worth.

GOD'S DESCRIPTION OF OUR WORTH.

The Book of Romans – Paul's longest letter regarding basic Christian values. He writes to define and delineate the gospel,

Romans 1:18-32 – Humanity has refused to see God as He really is. They exchanged the truth of God for a lie. So God turned them over to what was inside ... their futile speculations and out-of-control desires.

Romans 2:1-16 – Having a moral standard doesn't prevent humanity from failing to live up to that standard.

Romans 2:17-3:8 – Having a religious standard doesn't prevent us from falling short of that standard.

Romans 3:9-20 – Paul's dismal conclusion

The Core Values of Christianity - Romans 3:21 (NLT) *But now God has shown us a way to be made right with Him without keeping the requirements of the law, as was promised in the writings of Moses and the prophets long ago.* ²² *We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are.* ²³ *For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.* ²⁴ *Yet God, with undeserved kindness, declares that we are righteous. He did this through Christ Jesus when He freed us from the penalty for our sins.* ²⁵ *For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed His life, shedding His blood.*

Romans 4 – Paul proves that salvation is by faith with illustrations from the life of Abraham and David.

Romans 5:1-5 – Two conclusions:

- Time does not change God's love and delight for us.
- Our problems and pressures do not change God's love and delight for us.

Romans 5:5 (NASB) ... *and [this particular] hope [that God's love transcends time and problems] does not disappoint [shame us], because the love of God has been poured out [gushed out in the past with a present effect] within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.*

GOD'S LOVE STATED SUBJECTIVELY.

GOD'S LOVE ILLUSTRATED OBJECTIVELY.

Romans 5:6 (NASB) *For while we were still helpless [being weak], at the right time [strategic time] Christ died for the ungodly [godless].⁷ For one will hardly die for [on behalf of] a righteous man; though perhaps for [on behalf of] the good man [a beneficent man] someone would dare even to die.⁸ But God demonstrates [commends, recommends] His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners [still continually sinning], Christ died for us.*

Romans 5:9 (NASB) *Much more then, having now been justified [declared in a right relationship with the Father] by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more [it is much more certain], having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.¹¹ And not only this, but we also exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.*

GOD'S LOVE PERSONALLY APPLIED.

ACTION STEPS:

1. Take a hymnal or look up the words online for the song "The Old Rugged Cross". What did the hymn writer catch about the cross and God's love that resonates with you?
2. In what situations do you need to be reminded that the cross – and not your problems or time or even your sin – define God's love for you?