

November Newsletter 2020

From Heaven's Heart

"You Are Priceless to God"

Your worth cannot be calculated to God. There's not enough zeros to equal your value, no words can describe your worth to your Creator...your Heavenly Father...and He made you for His pleasure...You are His greatest pleasure.

Would you take a minute and read this again? I can't think of anything more important than understanding this truth that comes to us from God's word.

The bible says, "God cannot lie" so this must be true.

Psalm 149:4 The Lord takes pleasure in His people...that's you.

Revelation 4:11 You created everything, and it is for your pleasure that they/we exist and were created.

Genesis tells us about all the things God created; the stars, sun, moon, the heavens, animals, insects, flowers, trees, the ocean, the land and us. And yes those beautiful sunrises and sunsets.

He stood back and said it is good and this brought Him great pleasure. I'm sure, He was in the delivery room when you were born. A smile must have spread across His face and He must have said, look at her, isn't she a beautiful thing. I sure am glad I created her. I'm so happy to be her Heavenly Father. That little girl is going to bring me great joy and pleasure.

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So we don't have to speculate about one of God's purposes for your life. It is to bring pleasure to God with your life. When you and I fully understand this truth, we will never again have a problem with feeling insignificant. It proves your worth. If you are that important to God, and He considers you valuable enough to keep you with Him for eternity, what greater significance could you have? God wants you to be with Him forever. You are a child of God, and you bring joy and pleasure to God like nothing else. He made you different from all other little boys and girls for a purpose...so He could enjoy your uniqueness. God loves different things. Look at all the different flowers, birds and people He created. The Bible says, "Because of His love, God had already decided

that through Jesus Christ, He would make us His children...this was His pleasure and His purpose.

We know this is true because the Bible tells us that we were made in God's likeness and one of the greatest gifts God has given us is the ability to enjoy pleasure. He made us this way. We can use our five senses and emotions so we can enjoy life at it's very best...the way He made it. We often forget that God has emotions too. He feels things very deeply. The Bible tells us that God grieves, gets jealous and angry and feels compassion, pity, sorrow and sympathy as well as happiness, and satisfaction. And we are made in His likeness which is why we have all of these same emotions. God loves, rejoices, enjoys, and even laughs.

Did you know that anything you do, that brings pleasure to God the Bible calls worship. Jesus said, "The Father seeks worshipers." Even in our silence, when our minds are on Him and His creation, we are worshiping God.

Christians often disagree over the type of music used in worship, passionately defending what they prefer. But there is no biblical style. There are no biblical notes. And we don't have the type of instruments and we speak in a different language than they did in Old and New Testament times. The music style you prefer says more about you, your background, personality and sometimes age than it does about God. God likes variety. If He didn't, we'd all look and act the same. There's certainly Christian lyrics but music, I can't find a music type God prefers anywhere in the Bible.

God does complain about worship being half hearted in Isaiah 29. The people were offering God stale prayers, insincere prayers, empty words, and man made rituals without even thinking about the meaning. God's heart is not touched by tradition in worship, but by passion.

The best example I can think about in our own worship services is what took place on August 16 when someone was moved by the Spirit of Christ to stand up and ask if others might want to come forward and pray for someone who needed our prayers. And most of you came down and prayed. I heard the passion in your prayers. I watched as you fell to your knees and faces seeking God's help. God was with us and God responded to your passionate worship and prayers. I'm sure everyone's prayers were different but God heard each one and God responded with His own passionate act of love.

Don't ever forget that God loves "DIFFERENT". He made us all different. And our differences are what adds so much to offering God our very own original forms of

worship, praise, songs, celebration and even prayer. God wants "REAL". God wants "PASSION". God wants "SINCERE". God wants to experience the pleasure that you bring Him because He made you a "PRICELESS" creation, child of His...a member of His family to live with Him forever and ever and ever. Amen

Never question your worth. It's Priceless to God!

With the deepest love and appreciation for you because of your worth to me as a sister and brother in Christ,

Pastor Steve