

for a short time so that He could experience temptation and death – and provide a way for you to escape each one (Hebrews 2:9, 16-18; Hebrews 4:14-16).

Jesus willingly suffered and died. The fullness of God (Divinity) continued to dwell in Jesus's body (Colossians 2:9). What this should help you understand is that everything Jesus went through was directly due to the choices He made; not because He could not help it! So, as you read about Jesus suffering through temptation, or being blasphemed and ridiculed, or being spat on, or being falsely accused, or being arrested, or being beaten or flogged, or being crucified and dying – it was all because He chose to go through these things! For, when Jesus was arrested, He made it clear that He had the power to stop it all from happening if He had chosen to do so (Matthew 26:52-54). Yet, He chose to suffer and die.

All this was done as a ransom sacrifice to save you. Stop and really meditate on the points we have considered – and what they mean for your value. Surely, there is no one else who has ever existed in the form of God, who left Heaven, came to earth, and suffered in all these ways for you besides Jesus! Yet, Jesus did all these things because He and the Father love you – even though you sinned against God (Romans 5:6-11)! God knew that nothing else could redeem you from your empty and sinful way of life so you could have eternal life in Heaven except the blood of Jesus Christ (1 Peter 1:18-21). This is how far God's love for you goes and the value He has given your life!

Conclusion

To develop Godfidence and really see yourself as God sees you, you must know your value. And, to know your value, you must know your Creator and your Savior. The deeper you can appreciate each of these points, the deeper you will understand your value. For, your value is not based in the things of this world, but in the fact that God has created you in His image and has sacrificed His only Son to save you from your sins so you can live for Him on earth and live eternally with Him in Heaven!

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Godfidence

Seeing Yourself As God Sees You

Lesson 3:

Know Your Value

Having considered the dangers of an unbiblical view of yourself and seeing the insufficient ways people often determine their value, we have established the need for Godfidence (God-confidence). But, how do you actually go about developing this in your life so that you can truly see yourself as God sees you? The first step we will consider in developing Godfidence is to know your value. However, of all the different things people look to in developing an understanding of their value, there are ultimately two ways you can know your true value that rises above all other metrics! These are to know your Creator and to know your Savior. Without these, you really cannot have a true grasp of your value. But, with a proper understanding of these, you will unlock the deepest sense of value possible!

The purpose of this lesson is to learn your true value by getting to know your Creator and Savior.

Know Your Creator

There is a God. You cannot possibly have a proper understanding of your value by rejecting the existence of God! Tragically, that is exactly how many are taught. Take a moment, though, to consider who you are – if there is no God. If there is no God, you are merely a byproduct of random chances and processes that developed over time. However, all of this changes if there is a God. Thankfully, we can know the answer to the question about whether God exists by using our own observations (Psalm 19:1-4; Romans 1:18-20)! This changes everything about your value!

What makes God special. Since there really is a God, it is impossible to understand who you are without understanding who He is.

As you consider these things, there are four things that really sets God apart from every other being. First, God is eternal so that He is not bound by time and has needed no creator (Psalm 90:1-2; Revelation 4:8). Second, God is all-powerful so that He can do whatever pleases Himself (Psalm 115:3; Colossians 1:16). Third, God is all-knowing so that there is nothing that escapes His understanding (Isaiah 46:9-10; Romans 11:33-36). And, fourth, God is ever-present so that nothing can possibly escape His attention (Psalm 139:1-12; Hebrews 4:13). Then, God is also holy (Revelation 4:8), loving (John 3:16), patient (2 Peter 3:9), gracious (Ephesians 2:7), merciful (Ephesians 2:4), kind (Titus 3:4), impartial (Romans 2:11), unchanging (James 1:17), severe (Romans 11:22), and so much more! To have the proper understanding of your value, you must carefully get to really know how great God is!

God created the universe. It is fascinating to think about this God, who does not need anything from anything or anyone, creating this world and everything in it. This is exactly what we can read about happening in Genesis 1 and 2. In six 24-hour days, God created everything that exists – by speaking (Psalm 33:6-9; Genesis 1:3)! And, He did this for Himself and His glory (Revelation 4:11; Isaiah 6:3).

God created you. It is important for you to stand in awe of God and His ability to create everything that exists in the universe so that you can better appreciate the fact that the same God has created you – and set you above all the physical creation! Read Genesis 1:26-31 carefully. Genesis 2:7 then further explains that God created the first man from the dust of the ground and Genesis 2:22 explains that God created the first woman from the man's rib. So, mankind is valuable enough in the sight of this awesome God that He chose to create us and to give us dominion over the rest of His physical creation (Psalm 8:3-8)! But, it is not just that God created the first man and woman and then stepped aside and let "nature" run its course for everyone else. Rather, consider how other Bible writers considered themselves to have been known by God and formed by God in their mother's wombs (Psalm 139:13-16; Jeremiah 1:4-5)! The same is true about each one of us!

God created you in His image. Not only has God created you, but He created you in a special way that is different from every other physical thing in this universe (Genesis 1:26-27). You being created in the image of God means that you have been created with a spiritual nature, not just a physical nature (John 4:24). This spirit/soul allows you to seek God and worship God throughout your life (Acts 17:26-27). Furthermore, it means that your existence does not end when you die (Ecclesiastes 12:7)! And,

this all works to demonstrate that your value surpasses the rest of God's physical creation (Luke 12:6-7).

God provides for you. As the psalmist reflected on God's creation in Psalm 104 and thought about God's countless works that had been done through His wisdom, He recognized how they all depend on God (vv. 27-30). As our Creator, God knows every one of His creations in the most detailed way imaginable, including everything about us and all of our needs and knows how to give good gifts to His children to provide for our physical necessities (Matthew 7:9-11; James 1:17).

Know Your Savior

Your sin separates you from your Creator. This awesome God who created you has also given you a law to live by in the pages of the New Testament. However, anyone who has reached the point of becoming morally accountable for themselves has chosen not to glorify God and sinned against Him (violating His commands, Romans 3:23). Since God is a holy God who cannot be in fellowship with sin, your sin has separated you from God and set you on a path to experience eternal separation from God in the fires of Hell (Romans 6:23; Revelation 21:8). This was a major problem – and no one but God could solve it for you!

Jesus Christ lived in Heaven. It is amazing to think about Jesus (the Son) *before* He came to this earth. In fact, the Scriptures are clear that He was in Heaven and directly involved in creating all things (John 1:1-3)! This will better prepare you to appreciate the sacrifice He made in coming to this earth – as it involved leaving all those things in Heaven (2 Corinthians 8:9)! And, He did it all knowing the sacrifice He would make for us!

The Father sent the Son to the earth. We must consider the Father's love in all of this. Read John 3:16. Ask yourself which involves the greater love: The love of the Son who came and went through the suffering and death or the love of the Father who watched His Son suffer and die? Of course, it is no competition so as to try and debate the answer. Rather, it is an exercise to better appreciate the great love for you that it took on the part of our Heavenly Father to watch His only Son go through all the things He endured – and not do what was in His power to stop it all!

Jesus took on human flesh. It was essential for your salvation and mine that Jesus leave Heaven, come to this earth, and take on human flesh. So, Jesus was God living as a man (Matthew 1:23)! Jesus (who is God) taking on flesh in this way was a true demonstration of humility and service (Philippians 2:5-8). For, He took on this form that is lower than the angels