

February Development Guide

SUBJECT: VALUE AND WORTH



Your value and worth is NOT in your performance, it's not even in what you can do for God! Who you are and the **value** attached to your life is wrapped up in Christ. CHRIST IN YOU!

This is the core of our church value, "**Start with People.**" God loves **ALL** people. Jesus died for **ALL** people. People are the "why," so "what" we do is defined and empowered by people first.

"And you did not receive the "spirit of religious duty," leading you back into the fear of never being good enough. But you have received the "Spirit of full acceptance," enfolding you into the family of God. And you will never feel orphaned, for as he rises up within us, our spirits join him in saying the words of tender affection, "Beloved Father!" - Romans 8:15

THREE QUESTIONS WE MUST ASK TO FIND OUT OUR VALUE AND WORTH:

1. What is someone willing to pay for you?

- A. Did you know there was bidding to determine your value 2,000 years ago? There was an auction for your life! The Creator of heaven and earth stepped forward and said, I will pay a price for YOU!
- B. God Almighty was talking about the highest price, the most expensive thing heaven had to offer - a price that no one can or ever be able to match.

"For God has proved his love by giving us his greatest treasure, the gift of his Son. And since God freely offered him up as the sacrifice for us all, he certainly won't withhold from us anything else he has to give. Who then would dare to accuse those whom God has chosen in love to be his? God himself is the judge who has issued his final verdict over them—"Not guilty!" - Romans 8:32-33

- C. If God was willing to give up his most prize possession for your life, how can you let any man or anything tell you that you're not enough?

2. What are you filled with? Bring your needs and desires to God.

- A. Would you buy an iPhone 14 that was filled with 2015 software? No, of course not! It would be of no value because of what it's FILLED with!
 - i. When the Lord decided to fill you, He didn't fill you with a counterfeit Holy Spirit - He poured out the SAME Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead!

"Then, after doing all those things, I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your old men will dream dreams, and your young men will see visions. In those days I will pour out my Spirit even on servants—men and women alike." - Joel 2:28

- ii. Those who lived under the old covenant longed to see the generation that would be filled with the greatest comforter, the mighty counselor, and the best helper - the Holy Spirit

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3. Where are you positioned?

- A. If I had a nice couch for your living room but it was currently positioned inside a McDonald's dumpster, would you say it is of value? No!
 - i. Where something is positioned has a lot to do with its value and worth.

"And He raised us up together with Him [when we believed], and seated us with Him in the heavenly places, [because we are] in Christ Jesus." - Ephesians 2:6

- B. Don't get out of your seat to fight a fight God's already won, remain in your position!

Discussion Questions:

1. What are your biggest takeaways from this teaching?
2. What does God say about your value and worth?
3. How can you apply this to your life and others today?

Resources:

- [Crowned with Dignity and Worth](#) - Pastor John Nuzzo
- [Identity in Christ](#) - Duane Sheriff
- [Learning My True Identity In Christ](#) - Pastor Rick Warren