

Discovering My Worth

READ:

Ephesians 2:8-10

God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God.

⁹ Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. ¹⁰ For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in

Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.



Philippians 1:6 *And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.*

WE ARE GOD'S MASTERPIECE! So... what does that really mean? Greek: **Poiema** (poy'-ay-mah). This is the word that we get the English word poem & poetry from. Poiema means "something made new or re-created".

Q: So why is that many of us are NOT experiencing the joy that comes from this reality?

*"When you look for happiness in mere objects, they are never enough.
Look around. Look within...
God's love is so real that He created you to prove it."*

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Q: WHERE are you getting your worth from? Where do you find your value, your significance, your sense of WHO you are deep inside?

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What do we FEEL inside?

Romans 3:23, "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"

Romans 5:6,8 ⁶ You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly... ⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 6:16, 22-23 "Don't you realize that you become the slave of whatever you choose to obey? You can be a slave to sin, which leads to death, or you can choose to obey God, which leads to righteous living...But now you are free from the power of sin and have become slaves of God. Now you do those things that lead to holiness and result in eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Here is why so many people struggle in our culture because they are looking for their worth through the following actions...

1.. Some try to find their worth in what they _____.

The most common compulsions that preoccupy people usually fall into one of these 6 groups:

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| ... Money matters | ... wellness & health |
| ... work and play | ... service and volunteerism |
| ... relationships | ... perfectionism |

2.. Some try to find their worth in what they _____.

Matthew 6:24 r "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."

3.. Some will discover their true worth in _____.

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