

THE WORTH OF BELIEVERS

I John 3:1

Romans 14:8 God did not create us in vain. He has a purpose for each person that has been born on this earth. It is an eternal purpose of which death has no effect. How sad that most people die without Christ, without purpose and without hope. Sadder still are believers who live without purpose or hope.

ONE SIDE OF SALVATION

Ephesians 2:8-9 For most believers we think of salvation from the human side of things. God grants us eternal life and a home in heaven based on His grace that He gives us and the faith that He gives us.

Romans 5:8 We glory in the fact that even though we are such sinners and never gave God a second thought, He was thinking of us when He sent Jesus to the cross to pay for all our sins.

II Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 1:13 We soon learn of more benefits of being saved. God not only saves us but changes us forever by sealing Himself in our very beings and making us a new creation.

Titus 2:13; I Thess. 4:15-17 More great news for believers. God wants us to be looking for a great experience that may happen very soon. The rapture, the catching away of the bride of Christ!

Romans 12:1-3 As believers study and learn more about God's great gift of salvation, we begin to grow in Christ and understand that if we are to ever mature as believers we need to study the word, be willing to sacrifice our selfish desires and pray seeking God's will for our lives.

I Peter 2:9; Isaiah 64:6 All believers have been called out of the world and possess the righteousness of Christ but we must stay humble and thankful realizing any righteousness is God's and not our own.

GOD'S SIDE OF SALVATION

I John 3:1; Mat. 22:14 God's side of salvation is finding out what benefit we are to the Lord who has bought us and given us the benefits we mentioned because of our salvation in Christ. The first important benefit is that we are now family members. Very few people born become part of his family.

John 17:23 Try and understand this one! We are loved by God to the same degree that He loves His Son Jesus Christ! This shows how much value God places on each one of us.

Matthew 10:29-31 Jesus uses the analogy of how much He pays attention to His nature and all the animals of His creation. Jesus tells us that He holds each one of us in a very high place.

John 17:6, 11 By dissecting these verses we find a tremendous hidden truth. Just as it took the marvelous grace of God to save us sinners from hell, Jesus was the recipient of God's grace when God the Father actually gave us saved sinners to His own Son the Lord Jesus!

Ephesians 1:15-18 It is God's grace that is the transforming power that makes the believer so precious in the sight of Jesus Christ. He sees the potential in every believer to be a dynamite for Him.

Judges 6:12 The Lord appeared to Gideon and proclaimed him a "mighty man of valor?" What did the Lord see in this young frightened Jewish boy?

I Samuel 16:11-12 God sent Samuel to anoint Israel's next king. What did God see in this young, smelly shepherd boy that he did not see anymore in King Saul?

Matthew 4:18-19 What did Jesus see in these two middle aged dirty fisherman?

John 17:10 Jesus tells His Father and lets us know what the secret of His side of salvation really is.

I Corinthians 10:31; Colossians 3:17 Everything a believer does is the result of some kind of motivation. If we are to be "faithful stewards" for Christ we will glorify Him with our talk and actions.

II Corinthians 5:20 The fact is there are very few people on earth that receive Christ and can possibly make a difference in other peoples lives and help win them for God.

Galatians 2:20 It has been said that the value of anything can be determined by the price that is paid for it. How valuable do you think you are in God's point of view?