

Thou Art Mine - Worth of the Individual

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Isaiah 43:1.

B: Subject: worth of every individual.

C. Need: many feel worthless, struggle with their identity and are afraid.

II. Our identity is chiefly found in who we are in relationship to God.

A. God created and formed you—we are created in His image.

B. We have personality, the power of abstract thought, a moral faculty and a spiritual nature.

1. Each one of us is completely unique and special.

2. We have intelligence able to discern relationships and relationship between God.

3. We know right from wrong because God builds it into every human being. The Ten Commandments are the expressions of God's character written into every human being.

4. We are made spiritual beings that cannot be satisfied unless we are hooked into eternity.

C. As a result of being His, we are not to fear.

III. We have value by merit of redemption.

A. God redeemed you and called you by name.

B. We are twice God's—He made us, we drifted away and He bought us back. (Isaiah 53:6)

C. The value of something is determined by what it costs. We are worth a lot to God because we were bought with the blood of His Son.

D. Since God went through so much to buy us back, He will certainly be with us in life.

IV. We have worth because God Himself called us.

A. One of the most basic reasons God has called us is to be like His Son Jesus Christ. (John 1:42)

B. God calls us and sends us by name.

C. God calls us to be what we are not—like Jesus.

D. Each is called to use his gift. It is no honor to say that we do not have a gift because God gives gifts to everyone. (1 Peter 4:10)

E. You take God's calling one step at a time with what you know and ask God for more clarification.

V. Addendum: you are important to someone else. Therefore, everyone else is important to someone else.

Application questions.

1. On what three grounds do you have worth?

2. How can it be said that you are twice God's? Explain.

3. How are we to take God's calling? Have you experienced a sense of God's calling you? Spend some time in prayer and write down your thoughts as to God's present leading.
