

Thursday Evening Message

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I. Introduction.

A. The speaker heard the gospel in high school, and unsure whether he had received Christ, he acknowledged to God that he was a sinner and asked Him into his life on the basis of what Christ had done.

B. When you do business with God, be serious about it.

C. Text: Isaiah 43:1.

D. Very little of the Bible is written to us, but it is all written for us. God has redeemed us and called us by name.

E. Theme: fear not, you are Mine.

II. Problem.

A. Sometimes we feel like we are worthless.

B. Other times we are surrounded by problems.

III. Reasons to fear not.

A. God created us. (Psalm 100:3)

1. It is God that made us.

2. A parent may not want you, but God does.

3. God does not make junk—He makes us in His image with personality, emotion and conscience.

4. The problem is that the image is marred and damaged by sin.

B. God redeemed us.

1. We have all turned away from God and rebelled. We are all alienated from God and others as a result. (Isaiah 53:6)

2. God dealt with this by laying the iniquity of us all on His Son.

3. We are redeemed by the sacrifice of Christ. (1 Peter 1:18-19, Psalm 78:7)

4. The greatest works of God are creation and redemption.
5. We are twice God's—He made us and then He bought us.

C. God called us.

1. We are called to belong to Jesus Christ. (Romans 6)
2. We are called to be like Christ. (Romans 8:28)
3. We are called by name. (John 1:6)

Application questions

1. What reasons do we have not to fear when we are properly related to Jesus Christ?

2. How can it be said that we are twice God's? What does this mean?

3. What fears do you have about your personal worth? How does this message answer those concerns?
