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You have heard of people struggling with "low self-esteem"

The struggle of inferiority complex and low self-esteem

Before I came to know Christ, I too had a battle with what many would call "low self-esteem." I perhaps did to a degree have an inferiority complex.

The word "esteem" means to hold a high opinion of; to regard or value.

The word "esteem" only occurs 5 times in the Bible (KJV)

Job 36:19 Will he esteem thy riches? no, not gold, nor all the forces of strength.

Psalms 119:128 Therefore I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be right; and I hate every false way.

Isaiah 53:4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

Philippians 2:3 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.

1 Thessalonians 5:13 And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.

Contrast: Unbiblical self-esteem (an over-inflated view of self)
Biblical self-esteem (a view of ourselves from God's perspective)

From God's perspective…

I am procreated in God's image and likeness
I am redeemed by Christ's blood
I have been drawn to Christ by His Holy Spirit

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I am procreated in God's image and likeness

Genesis 1:26

And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

"Let us make man in our image, after our likeness" - The plural pronouns must refer to God Himself (not including angels); because v. 27 describes man as being created in the image of God (not God and angels).

Since the Scripture asserts that God Himself created all things (Is. 45:12, 18), the "us" cannot refer to finite angelic beings, but to God's own triune essence.

"Let us make man in our image" - The Trinity (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) was involved in creation.

Evidence:

a. Plural pronouns - Genesis 1:26 - "Let us make man in our image." Cp. verse 27 - "So God created man in his own image."

b. Man was created:
   1) By the Father (Rev. 4:11)
   2) By the Son (John 1:103; Col. 1:15-16; Heb. 1:2)
   3) By the Spirit (Psalm 104:30; Job 33:4; cp. Gen. 2:7 - "breathed" and "breath" = "ruach," which can be translated "Spirit")

Man was created in the image and likeness of God.

In what sense?

a. "Image" ("tselem") - points to man's personality features that are reproductions of God's spiritual, intellectual, and moral qualities.

b. "Likeness" ("demuth") - points to man as not being the same as God, but as being similar in pattern or model.

c. Why does God use both words, "image" and "likeness?"

   To avoid the implication that man is a precise copy of God, albeit in miniature, the less specific and more abstract word "demuth" ("likeness") was added by God. "Demuth" then defines and limits the meaning of "tselem" (Humbert, Barr, T.W.O.T. Vol. 1, p. 192).

d. Man bears the image of God in three senses:

1) Man is like God in that he is a person (with personality). A "person" is a being who possesses self-consciousness, self-determination, intellect, emotion, will, world-consciousness, etc.
2) Man is like God in that he has a spirit (Jn. 4:24; I Cor. 6:20; cp. Eph. 4:23-24)
3) Man is like God in that he has a moral nature (a basic, innate comprehension of right and wrong - Rom. 2:14; Eccl. 7:29).

When Adam sinned the image of God in man was marred and defiled but was not obliterated.

*Since mankind still retains this sense of the image of God, his life has a dignity and is to be respected, honored, and protected. Doing so honors the Creator (Gen. 9:6; James 3:9).

e. Important Notes:

1) Man's being created in the image and likeness of God does not mean that man is an emanation of God ("Ethical Monism").

Man is distinct from and in no way is he one in essence with God.

2) Also, man being created in the image and likeness of God in no way identifies God as being physical or corporal. The Bible is clear: "God is Spirit" (John 4:24).

The crown of God's creation – man – occurred on the sixth day.

Mankind was created last because he was the most special of God's creation. Special because he would be made in God's image and likeness and because he would rule over the rest of creation.

Psalm 8:4-9 - 4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?
5 For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.
6 Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all *things* under his feet:
7 All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field;

8 The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, *and whatsoever* passeth through the paths of the seas.
9 O LORD our Lord, how excellent *is* thy name in all the earth!

"Dominion over" - rule over; control over; stewardship over; man was to govern the elements and species of the world.

This dominion expresses God's desire and design that people be regarded as superior to the rest of the animal world and it explains why people have a natural tendency toward fishing, hunting, taming animals, utilizing domesticated animals for man's benefit, etc.

From God's perspective…
I am redeemed by Christ's blood

Colossians 1:14
In whom we have redemption through his blood, *even* the forgiveness of sins:

"In whom" - refers to the "Son" (v. 13).

It is in Christ that we have (present tense) redemption.

Redemption - One who has a complete release based on the payment of a price.

The word redemption was used of the "deliverance of slaves from bondage or of prisoners of war from captivity" (Vaughan; p. 34).

NOTE: By His death Jesus did not pay a ransom to Satan to free us; but His death satisfied the holy demands of the Triune Godhead, and thereby God freed us

Is. 53:11 - "He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by His knowledge shall my righteous servant justify man; for he shall bear their iniquities."

"Redemption" = with the Greek prepositional prefix, this word is a strong word for redemption. It has not only the force of describing a ransom payment, but also includes the removal of the person once the ransom is appropriated by faith. God has accepted the payment of His Son and has subsequently yanked (pulled) the believer away from the penalty and dominating power of sin.

God has graciously liberated us from the guilt and doom of sin and has placed us into a life of liberty ("newness of life") (Rom. 6:4) (Vines, p. 264).

"Through His blood" (KJV) - the blood of Christ is the ransom price that was paid. Christ's bloody death is always referred to as the means by which we receive redemption.

I Pet. 1:18-19 - "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot."

God said to the O.T. Jews, "Ye shall be redeemed without money" (Is. 52:3).

From God's perspective…
I have been drawn to Christ by His Holy Spirit

John 6:44
No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

"Draw him" – the word "draw" (*helkuo*) has the idea of "to take possession of" and to "drag" someone in a desired direction despite their initial resistance (cp. Rienecker, p. 234).

There is a general "drawing" of all men without distinction referred to in John 12:32, where Jesus said "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."

That drawing refers to both Jews and Gentiles being drawn to Christ because of Calvary; it does not teach universalism (that everyone without exception will be saved). Such a view contradicts Christ's point in John 6.

This drawing (in context) is a selective drawing whereby some are graciously pulled to Jesus and others are not. God is under no obligation to draw anyone to His Son; therefore, anyone who is drawn must really appreciate his gracious dealings in their life.

How does God "draw" people to Christ?

1) He uses the spoken presentation of the Gospel ("the foolishness of preaching" – 1 Cor. 1:21)

2) He uses His Word (the Bible) to draw on men's hearts

3) He convicts people of their sin; shows them the eternal danger they are in due to their sin; and He shows the remedy for sin—the payment Christ

made on Calvary.[Man's natural tendency is to hide from Christ due to His love for sin (Jn. 3:19)]

4) God can use situations and circumstances (hardships and trials) to bring people to their knees before His Son

5) God uses the compelling attractive testimony of Christians who not only "talk the talk" but "walk the walk" to draw people to His Son.

It is ultimately through God's Holy Spirit utilizing God's Word (whether read, preached, or heard) that people are drawn to Christ (Jn. 5:24; Rom. 10:17).

We have been born of the Spirit. (John 3:1-f)

Romans 8:15
For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

The Bible declares that a believer has already been saved (past tense); and Heaven's possession (with its blessings) is already ours.

1. **We have already been blessed with all spiritual blessings** (Eph. 1:3 - *"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ"*)
2. **We have already been accepted in the beloved** (Eph. 1:6 - *"To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved"*)
3. **We presently possess redemption and forgiveness** (Eph. 1:7 - *"In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace"*)
4. **We have already obtained an inheritance** (Eph. 1:11 - *"In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will"*)
5. **We have already been sealed with the Holy Spirit** (Eph. 1:13 - *"In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also, after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise"*)
6. **We have already been quickened (made alive) with Christ** (Eph. 2:5 - *"Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved)"*)
7. **We have already been raised up and seated together with Christ** (Eph. 2:6 - *"And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus"*) (NOTE: V. 8 - "are ye saved" = Greek "you have been saved and still are" (perfect, passive participle)

The Bible declares that a believer has already been saved from...

the curse of the Law (Gal. 3:13 - *"Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is everyone that hangeth on a tree"*),

from wrath (I Th. 5:9 - *"For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ"*),

from death (see II Cor. 1:10 - *"But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead"*), and

from destruction (II Th. 1:9 - *"Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power"*).

A sinner who trusts in Christ becomes:

a child of God (Jn. 1:12-13 - *"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name"*),

regenerated (Tit. 3:5 - *"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost"*),

a new creature (II Cor. 5:17 - *"If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature, old things are passed away, behold, all things are become new"*),

a heavenly citizen (Phil. 3:20 - *"For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ"*),

an heir to God's grace and inheritance (Rom. 5:2 - *"By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God"*; Eph. 1:18 - *"The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints"*),

and complete in Christ (Col. 2:9-10 - *"For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power"*).

It is by an act of the immutable God that a believing sinner is...

"declared righteous" (Rom. 3:21-26),

sanctified (I Cor. 6:11 - *"And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God"*),

perfected forever (Heb. 10:14 - *"For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified"*),

delivered from the powers of darkness (Acts 26:18 - *"To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me"*),

and placed on the solid Rock (I Cor. 3:9-15 - *"For we are laborers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building. According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise master-builder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay stubble; Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire"*).

Therefore, believers can <u>know</u> that they are:

of God (I Jn. 5:19 - *"And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness"*), **have passed from death** (I Jn. 3:14 - *"We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death"*),

are "in Him" (I Jn. 2:5 - *"But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him"*),

possess eternal life (I Jn. 5:11 - *"And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son"*).

In the future, believers <u>shall be</u>:

raised (I Th. 4:16 - *"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first"*),

changed (I Cor. 15:52 - *"In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed"*),

caught up (I Th. 4:17 - *"Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord"*),

be like Him (I Jn. 3:2 - *"Beloved, now ar we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is"*), **be with Him** (I Th. 4:17 - *"Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord"*),

and be satisfied (Ps. 17:15 - *"As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness"*).

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How do I view myself from God's perspective?
What is His interest in me?

I. God <u>VALUES</u> His children above anything else in the world

Matthew 10:31 Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows.

"Two sparrows* [little birds] *sold for a farthing" (1/16 of a day's wages – perhaps like $7.00). They gave a greater discount for five sparrows, namely - two farthings (Lk. 12:6)

"Without your father" - without your heavenly Father's knowledge and will.

He does not forget about the existence of one sparrow (Lk. 12:6) and yet we often view Him as unconcerned or disinterested about our lives.

It is a comfort to know that nothing will happen to us, nor will anyone take the life of a child of God without our Father allowing it! He's in control!

"In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust, I will not fear what flesh can do unto me" (Ps. 56:4)

"The Lord is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?" (Ps. 118:6)

". . . the Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me" (Heb. 13:6)

"The average hair count on the human head is said to be about 140,000." (MacArthur, p. 223)

This verse teaches that God is omniscient (cp. Ps. 139).

If God cares enough about us to number our hairs; if He is aware of the number of insignificant hairs, are we right to think that we are not important enough to think about?

Are we right to doubt His wondrous love when we are unjustly treated?

When God protects His own, He protects them down to the individual hairs. (Wiersbe, p. 39)

v. 31

"Fear ye not, therefore" - Because of God's interest in us, His continual watchcare over us; His sovereign supervision, His genuine concern. . . He says you don't need to live in fear.

God's people excel the worth of multitudes of birds! We are valuable (precious) to God.

Luke 12:7 But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows.

God so much for His children that He promises a severe punishment to anyone who might cause them to stumble in their faith:

Matthew 18:6 But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea. (Mark 9:42)

Christ values His children so much that to do anything for them is to do it for Him.

Matthew 25:40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

Acts 9:5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest:

II. God <u>LOVES</u> His children with a sacrificial, inseparable love

While God loves all people (John 3:16), He has a special love for His children.

See: Ephesians 3:14-21

Paul prayed that believers would realize all that God has provided for us!

Four practical experiences God wants you to have:

1. ***THE <u>STRENGTH</u> OF CHRIST (v. 16)***
2. ***THE <u>PRESENCE</u> OF CHRIST (v. 17a)***
3. ***THE <u>LOVE</u> OF CHRIST (v. 17b-19a)***
4. ***THE <u>FULLNESS</u> OF CHRIST (v. 19b)***

Knowing that God loves us is so vital that this was the major prayer request of the Apostle Paul:
Ephesians 3:19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

V. 17b

"Rooted and grounded" - (passive - it is God who planted us into His love).

We are so rooted and grounded (firmly established) that nothing can separate us from his love. (SEE: Rom. 8:35-39).

Nothing can uproot us. However, many times we lose sight of how much He loves us. We get disgusted with ourselves and are deluded into thinking that God shares the same attitude.

V. 18
"Comprehend" - to lay hold of; to get a handle on; to apprehend for yourself.

Such apprehension is what "*<u>all the saints"</u>* need.

God's love is broad, long, high, and deep.

It is broader than the east is from the west; it is higher than the heavens; it is deeper than the deepest sea.

V. 19
"The love of Christ" - Christ's love. The love that Christ has for His own.

"Which passeth knowledge" - It surpasses our finite ability to mentally understand it all.

This is why Paul prayed for them; because unless God opens our minds to understand how much love Jesus has for us, we will never fully realize it in this life.

"Passeth" - running over; a bubbling over

Our minds do not have the capacity to capture and hold onto the immensity of Christ's love.

His love is <u>boundless</u> (Ephesians 3:17-19)

(God's love for us is broad, long, deep, and high)

Paul's prayer is that the believers who have been firmly rooted into God's love, and have been solidly placed upon God's love (v. 17) might come to grasp how much He really loves us (v. 18, 19). Why does Paul pray for this?

Because by ourselves we cannot fathom how much God loves us, unless He teaches us (READ II Thess. 3:5).

"There is a depth to it which none can fathom; there is a height to it which none can scale; there is a length and breadth to it which defies measurement by any creature-standard." (Pink, p. 80).

"Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him"
(I Cor. 2:9)

"The Love of God"

"Could we with ink the oceans fill,
And were the skies of parchment made,
Were every stalk on earth a quill,
And every man a scribe by trade,

To write the love of God above
Would drain the ocean dry,
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,
Though stretched from sky to sky."

God loves us enough to never let us go.
Romans 8:35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

"How long will God's love for us last?"

Because God's love toward those "in Christ" is eternal, we have three assuring promises:

NOTHING CAN SEPARATE HIS LOVE FROM US (Rom. 8:31-39)
(Nothing can come between us and God's love)

Things can come in between us and our love for God (such as "worldliness" - I Jn. 2:15), but nothing can come in between us and His love for us.

a) Trials cannot (v. 35a)
b) Tragedy cannot (v. 35b-37)
c) Death cannot (v. 38a)
d) Spirits cannot (v. 38b)
e) Time cannot (v. 38c)
f) Distance cannot (v. 39a)
g) The whole universe cannot (v. 39b)

Why is it that nothing can separate us from God's Love?

ANSWER: Nothing will ever separate God's love from His Son, and we are "in Christ"! (v. 39c)

God loves us enough to discipline us when we need it.
Revelation 3:19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

The Greatest incentive to Godly living is to know the love of God

Romans 13:10
"…love *is* the fulfilling of the law."

1 John 4:18
There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

"Fear hath torment" - fear involves punishment. When we know God's love for us, we will feel secure in our salvation and will not fear the future judgment.

Hell is not our lot, because God's love which sent His Son to die in our place is the reality which we put our trust in.

Those who are fully aware of God's love for them (as evidenced by Calvary) need not fear Judgment.

Those who fear God's wrath have not come to fully trust God's love.

Many are spiritually insecure Christians due to the fact that they have been tempted to doubt God's love for others.

ILLUS: When a child trusts his parent to protect him, he can sleep without fear, knowing that his dad or mom loves him and therefore will keep him safe from harm.

Where there is faith there is no fear (faith is the opposite of fear, and faith drives all fear away).

1 John 4:19
We love him, because he first loved us.

III. God <u>THINKS ABOUT</u> His children with innumerable thoughts

Psalms 139:17-18
How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them! If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee.

God is omniscient:

Job testified: "He knoweth the way that I take" (Job 23:10)

David said: "All my ways are before thee" (Ps. 119:168).

Solomon declared: For the ways of man are before the eyes of the LORD, and he pondereth all his goings" (Prov. 5:21).

The omniscience of God is a reality that should cause all believers to take COMFORT!

Because God knows all:

1. He knows what you do (good or bad) (Gal. 6:7)
2. He knows what you need (Mt. 6:8, 32)
3. He knows about your problems, sorrows, etc. (Ex. 3:7)
4. He hears everytime you call (Mt. 7:7)
   The only thing that keeps God from answering prayer is sin (Is. 59:1, 2).
5. He cares about the details of your life (Mt. 10:29, 30).

He knows us completely.

Matthew 10:30 - But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

IV. God CARES for His children with grace, mercy and compassion

1 Peter 5:7 - Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

"Humble yourselves. . . Casting" - the throwing of our anxieties, cares, and concerns upon God is an act of humility.

Many times in our pride we belligerently strive to solve it ourselves.

We are too stubborn to pray; too self-confident to ask God for help; too independent to trust Him.

Pride keeps us from surrendering our burdens and troubles to God.

Nothing prevents us from praying as much as deceitful pride.

Why should we in humility and utter dependence cast our trials and tribulations on God?

"Because He cares for you" - He is concerned! He has your best interest in mind! His heart is touched with your grief!

If a sinful parent cares for his children, how much more does our Heavenly Father? Mt. 7:11 - *"If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask Him?"*

Philippians 4:6-7
Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

The Devil, who is the "accuser of the brethren" works day and night trying (along with his host of Evil Demonic Spirits) to discourage the faith of God's people.

Revelation 12:10
And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

2 Corinthians 2:10-11
To whom ye forgive any thing, I *forgive* also: for if I forgave any thing, to whom I forgave *it*, for your sakes *forgave I it* in the person of Christ; Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.

Conclusion:

God is committed to the well-being and success of every one of His children.

We may know it intellectually.

We need to by Faith believe it from the heart!

Are you one of His Children? (Jn. 8:44; I Jn. 4:4)

Song: “Does Jesus Care?”