

"When You Look in the Mirror"
Mark 12:28-34
"Passion Week" Message Series
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SUNDAY	-----	MONDAY	-----	TUESDAY	-----	THURSDAY	-----	FRIDAY	-----	SATURDAY
Palm		Clearing out		Various		Upper Room		Good		In a
Sunday		the Temple		Teachings		Discourse		Friday		Tomb

When you look in the mirror, what do you see? It all depends on what color glasses you're wearing.

- Rose-colored, yellow-tinted, dark lenses, clear lenses, and _____-colored (Jas 1:23-24).

With scarlet-colored glasses, we get to see ourselves in the mirror the way God sees us!

This is the key to success in loving God and loving people (The Great Commandment).

We're in Mark 12:28-34... as we continue our journey exploring the final days of Jesus before the cross.

- We have this awesome privilege of learning about this most profound conversation!
- 613 commandments reduced to one primary command with three parts.
- The "love others as you love yourself" part presupposes that you have a healthy spiritual view of yourself.

"I appreciate your insight, but..." let's get back to how to see myself the way God sees me. How DOES God see me?"

- 1. He _____ you in His image (Gen 1:26-27). Crowned you with glory and honor (Psa 8)!
 - Psalm 139 captures the majesty and beauty of ALL of us sharing the same divine image.
- 2. If you have saving faith in Jesus, He re-_____ you.
 - We are His *poiema* crowning achievement (Eph 2:10) of invaluable worth!
 - Another way God sees us is best described as "our identity in Christ" (turn over).
- 3. The motive behind all of this? _____. (Jn 3:16-17; 1 Cor 13; 1 Jn 4:19; 1 Jn 4:8; Eph 3:17-19)
 - ...to experience the most intimate of relationship, to love and be loved by Him, and to love one another.

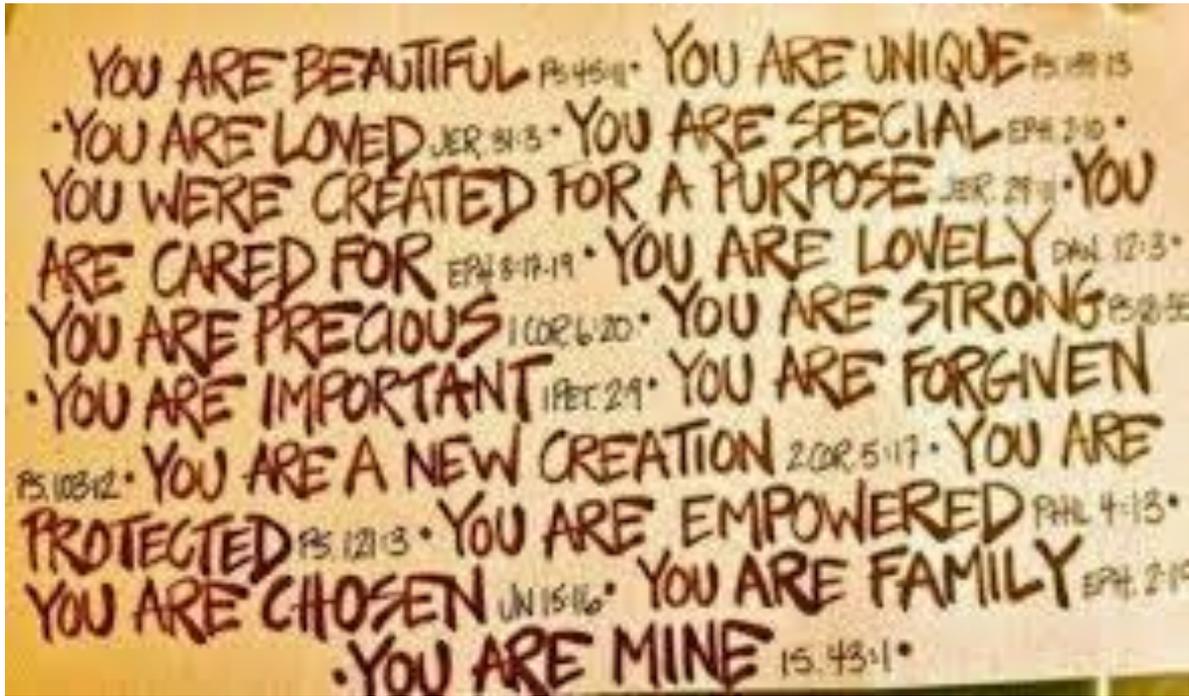
Seeing ourselves the way God sees us and growing in the knowledge of who we are in Christ = _____!

- Free to love God in return... to develop a healthy spiritual love of myself... to love the people who are hard to love...

Your Kingdom Assignment for the week: To love God is to _____ (Jn 14:23; 15:10-12). Yet, that will come naturally.

- How can you love someone you don't know? Look up the Bible verses throughout this note sheet this week and invite Him into your life more intimately!

God's faithful, unconditional, knowledge-surpassing, steadfast love is the motive behind all of this:



WHO I AM IN CHRIST

I am Accepted...



- John 1:12 I am God's child.
 John 15:15 As a disciple, I am a friend of Jesus Christ.
 Rom. 5:1 I have been justified.
 1 Cor. 6:17 I am united with the Lord, and I am one with Him in spirit.
 1 Cor. 6:19-20 I have been bought with a price and I belong to God.
 1 Cor. 12:27 I am a member of Christ's body.
 Eph. 1:3-8 I have been chosen by God and adopted as His child.
 Col. 1:13-14 I have been redeemed and forgiven of all my sins.
 Col. 2:9-10 I am complete in Christ.
 Heb. 4:14-16 I have direct access to the throne of grace through Jesus Christ.

I am Secure...

- Rom. 8:1-2 I am free from condemnation.
 Rom. 8:28 I am assured that God works for my good in all circumstances.
 Rom. 8:31-39 I am free from any condemnation brought against me and I cannot be separated from the love of God.
 2 Cor. 1:21-22 I have been established, anointed, and sealed by God.
 Col. 3:1-4 I am hidden with Christ in God.
 Phil. 1:6 I am confident that God will complete the good work He started in me.
 Phil. 3:20 I am a citizen of Heaven.
 2 Tim. 1:7 I have not been given a spirit of fear but of power, love and a sound mind.
 1 John 5:18 I am born of God and the evil one cannot touch me.

I am Significant...

- John 15:5 I am a branch of Jesus Christ, the true vine, and a channel of His life.
 John 15:16 I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit.
 1 Cor. 3:16 I am God's temple.
 Eph. 2:6 I am seated with Jesus Christ in the Heavenly realm.
 Eph. 2:10 I am God's workmanship.
 Eph. 3:12 I may approach God with freedom and confidence.
 Phil. 4:13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

