

# You Are Valuable To God



Due to our keen awareness of our own imperfections, we are sometimes made to wonder, as did the psalmist, "Who is man that you are mindful of him?" (Psalm 8:4). We sometimes wonder how God could possibly love us after we have failed Him so miserably by all our sins? Could it be that God no longer loves us and desires us because we have sinned too much? Maybe the answer to that question can be best understood by way of illustration.

Suppose I offered you a crisp, new, \$100 dollar bill, would you want it? Well, of course you would. But suppose I crumpled the money up in my fist. Would you still want it? Would the fact that this formerly crisp \$100 dollar bill now has a few wrinkles change your mind about wanting it? Of course not. That wouldn't change your mind, would it? Well, suppose I then threw the crumpled \$100 dollar bill on the floor and ground it into the floor with my shoe. Would you still want it? And again, the answer is "of course." You see, whether crumpled or crisp, clean or dirty, the \$100 dollar bill retains its value.

Likewise, it matters not to God how dirty we get from wallowing in sin, God still sees our value and wants to possess us.

Friends, don't ever sell yourself short. Do you feel guilty for all your sins? Good! You should. But don't let your sins cause you to think that God no longer wants you, and desires to have fellowship with you. You are His creation, His offspring, and consequently, He will never stop loving you. Don't allow His love to go unrequited.

by Steve Higginbotham

## "WHAT DID YOU SAY?"

Several phrases have crept into our language from the Bible and are often even used by those who claim to disbelieve and despise the Bible:

- "A DROP IN THE BUCKET" — taken from Isaiah 40:15, where it is used by the prophet in magnifying the greatness of God in comparison to nations of the earth. We use it to signify the smallest portion of the whole.
- "WE HAVEN'T TOUCHED THE HEM OF THE GARMENT" — taken from Matthew 9:20, where a woman was healed by touching the hem of Jesus' garment. We use it to mean that we have not scratched the surface of an undertaking.
- "SEE THE HANDWRITING ON THE WALL" — taken from Daniel 5, where God wrote a message to Belshazzar in the plaster on the wall (he could see only the hand). We use it to indicate perception of an inevitable situation.
- "BY THE SKIN OF MY TEETH" — taken from Job 19:20, where Job uses a figure of speech to describe a narrow escape. We use it exactly the same way.

You may have been quoting the Bible and didn't know it. Why not study it purposely and get the full message!

- John Simpson



## BONES

The body of any organization has four bones:

- WISH BONES** - those who spend all their time wishing someone else will do all the work.
- JAW BONES** - those who do all the talking and very little else.
- KNUCKLE BONES** - those who knock everything and what everybody else tries to do.
- BACK BONES** - those who get under the load and do all the work. - via Wadsworth, OH

Many complain of their memory; few of their judgment.

### News & Notes

**BAPTISM:** Kimberly Powell - 715 Washington St., Wellsville, OH 43968. Phone: 330-532-1063.

**CONFESSIONS:** Dylan Heinselman, Taylor Heinselman, Donna Parsons, Bill Robinson, Wade Sprout.

**SUNDAY EVENING SINGINGS:** Tonight and April 15th following the evening worship periods. All are invited to participate.

**CARE & SHARE BEARS:** Each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. All the ladies are invited help with this good work.

**NURSING HOME VISIT:** Next Saturday, April 7th at 2:30 p.m. at Fox.

**PANTRY:** Spaghetti & sauce.

**SENIOR CHRISTIAN DAY:** Saturday, April 14th with Denver Cooper & Terry Jones.

**DEBT REDUCTION DAY:** Sunday, April 29th. This Sunday's entire contribution will be used to reduce the debt on our building. Plan for and pray about this day of giving.

**SICK & SHUT-IN: AT HOME:** Jackie Parsons, Herb Rice, Mary Beth Robinson, Lloyd Cowdery, Mabel Sprout, Virginia Rickerd, Bette Gentry, Fred & Jean Larrimore, Sr., Fred Larrimore, Jr., Cheryl Stackpole, George & Betty Dunn (Pat Wright's parents). **NURSING HOMES:** Fox: Ray Baker. Calcutta Health Care: Glenn Beagle, Virginia Clutter (sister-in-law of Eva Stefl). Nentwick: Ruby Kenny. Rivendale: Ione Asher. Weirton Geriatric Center: Edna McKitrick, Ila Plum.

### GOD IS STILL LOVE

A man traveling through the country noticed that the weather vane on the roof of the farm building bore the phrase, "God is Love." He was troubled about it and asked the farmer, "Do you think God's love is as changeable as that weather vane?" "You miss the point, sir," replied the farmer. "It is on the weather vane because no matter which way the wind is blowing, God is still love." "And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him." (1 John 4:16). -- Olden Cook, via Bulletin Digest

### MEETINGS

Pumpkin Center.....	Apr. 1- 6.....	F. Higginbotham
Reader .....	Apr. 15-20.....	F. Higginbotham
Hillview Terrace .....	Apr. 15-20.....	Michael Phillips
Southern Hills .....	Apr. 22-25.....	Jeremy Main
Weirton Heights.....	Apr. 22-26.....	Steve Stevens
Horse Cave, KY .....	Apr. 29-May 2.....	F. Higginbotham