How Does God See Me?

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"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," declares the LORD. ⁹ "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways And My thoughts than your thoughts. Isaiah 55:8-9 (NASB)

For if anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself. Galatians 6:3 (NASB)

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree; and he requested for himself that he might die, and said, "It is enough; now, O LORD, take my life, for I am not better than my fathers." 1 Kings 19:4 (NASB)

1. A <u>Beautiful</u> Mess...A <u>Different</u> Perspective.

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)

God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Genesis 1:27 (NASB)

God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good... Genesis 1:31 (NASB)

Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NASB)

2. Abiding in Christ.

In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes. Judges 21:25 (NASB) "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.² "Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit.³ "You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.⁴ "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me. John 15:1-4 (NASB)

3. <u>Higher</u> Vision.

"Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. ³⁰ "For My yoke is easy and My burden is light." Matthew 11:28-30 (NASB)

This is how God sees us: <u>Perfectly</u> in <u>Process</u>.

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