

Scott's Thoughts

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“Knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.” (1 Peter 1:18–19, ESV)

Have you ever sat listening to the Sunday Morning sermon and thought “What am I worth to God?” “I have never done anything special that God would want me in heaven?” Far too many Christians think they have nothing to offer God. They wonder if God will really save me. Will I have done enough good things that God would even want me with him in heaven? This is a whole list of wrong questions because no matter what you think of yourself, God has a purpose for each of us, and He wants each of us to spend eternity with Him. The big hurdle we can't seem to get over is, “I can't do enough.” Well we can't. But we can accept God's gift of Justification. God's law requires perfection. There it is. But I'll never be perfect. None of us will. How then can God accept any of us into eternity with Him without violating His own law? The answer is not in what we have done but in what God has done. There is this word “propitiation” that explains how it all works.

Propitiation — “Propitiation is the act of appeasing or satisfying God's wrath.” (<https://biblehub.com/topical/p/propitiation.htm>). The problem is we are less than perfect so we can never ever be good enough to pay the price that will satisfy the penalty assessed by the Law of God. This word is used not as a description of us. Rather, it refers to Jesus in, Romans 3:25. The law required perfect obedience which

we are incapable of doing. However, Jesus lived His whole life in perfect obedience. Therefore, He is qualified to be that acceptable sacrifice. God accepted the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross because Jesus, the sinless one, volunteered to pay the price for the sin of all. We are not sinless, but God can view us as if we are sinless because of the death of His Son on the cross.

Now back to the question of how valuable am I to God? In a nutshell, God has sacrificed His own Son so that we might live with Him for all eternity. To put this in perspective, WHICH of your children would you sacrifice so that someone who has never given you the time of day might someday, without the certainty, become interested in you. Your child's sacrifice would be given with no promises, no guarantees, with only the hope that maybe that person might become interested in you. How many lost souls would it take for you to let your only child suffer and die so someone else wouldn't? God has only one Son and God allowed Him to suffer the most horrible death that mankind had ever devised just on that “maybe.” Even if God knew from the beginning how many would eventually respond to the Good News of Jesus, He did it for you. That is how much you are worth to God and that is a lot!

“But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ” (Philippians 3:7–8, ESV)

Thanks for listening and keep on shining

—Scott