Pastor's Weekly Devotional- October 8, 2015

"Seeing Yourself Through God's Eyes"

How is the worth of something established? Let's assume you are attending an auction. The auctioneer would sell an item to the highest bidder – whoever is willing to pay the most. Consider this. Christ paid the ultimate price for us and died on the Cross on our behalf and paid the penalty for our sins. Without doubt, you have great worth in God's eyes!

Realize that your Identity ultimately determines your worth. The Bible tells us that we are all adopted by God (<u>Ephesians</u> 1:5). An adopted child is not inferior to any other child in the family. An adopted child carries the family name and his/her inheritance is secure because he/she too is a legal heir.

However, there is one difference. The legally adopted child will <u>not</u> receive the same nature as his/her newly adoptive parents, who have different biological genes and characteristics. Yet in God's adoption, the child receives a NEW NATURE – the nature of our Heavenly Father.

Do you know what that means?

- You have a brand new relationship with God.
- God is not "way-up-there." He is your Heavenly Father.
- God will never reject you. He will never disown you.
- You will never be emotionally abandoned, for "God will never leave you nor forsake you."
- You will <u>always</u> have a place in God's heart. You are His child.

So, begin to see yourself "through the eyes of God." The scripture says: "How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called the children of God." (1 <u>John</u> 3"1)

Have a blessed week. This Sunday the sermon is entitled: "Overwhelmed But Not Abandoned."

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