

Do we have value?

1.) Apart from God – No

- John 15 – abiding in Christ
- Genesis 2:7 – created from nothing

2.) Because of God – Yes

- We're valuable because God values us
- God said that it was "good"

How do we value things now?

- According to their worth
- Matthew 10:29-31 – God uses this method also

This way of thinking is correct, but it creates a problem for us

God = infinite value

Everything else = finite value

To think of God in only comparative terms may not be the answer

As creatures, can we do anything infinitely?

Impossible Standard →

Constant failure →

Unending Guilt →

Frustration, depression → sin

Another way to view our relationship with God

1.) Exodus 20:1-3

2.) Mark 12:28-30

- Deuteronomy 6:4-5 –

a.) Heart – Ezekiel 11:19, 36:26; Jeremiah 31:33; Hebrews 10:11

- New spirit, remove heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh

b.) Soul – “being” Genesis 2:7 – everything inside us (hunger, passions, thoughts, etc.)

c.) Strength or Might – Greek = “Power” Aramaic = “Wealth”

- It means all our resources – Deuteronomy 6:7-9

- It extends outside of us to those around us

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1.) Exodus 20:1-3 – Love God Supremely

2.) Mark 12:28-30 – Love God Fully

Mark 12:31

- Loving God above everything else (Supremely) and with everything we've got (Fully) does not cause us to not love other people (creation).
- Love for neighbor is what love for God looks like when it meets it's neighbor.
 - Example – when Adam met Eve

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- 1.) Exodus 20:1-3 – Love God Supremely
- 2.) Mark 12:28-31 – Love God Fully
- 3.) Love God Increasingly –

Philippians 1:19 - And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment

1 Thessalonians 3:12 - may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you

2 Thessalonians 1:3 - We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing.

John 17:20-23 –

“I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.