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Scripture: Colossians 3:11

TITLE: What’s Your Value?

What difference would it make if your value wasn’t based on the clothes you wear or the car you drive. What difference would it make if your worth had nothing to do with your political persuasions or the color of your skin? What difference would it make if your value wasn’t based on the number of followers on Instagram or retweets on Twitter?

Well, I hope it would change everything. And good news, your value is not found in the things you do or the opinions of others.

If not there, then where? The Apostle Paul has the answer for us in Colossians 3:11 (NLT).

“In this new life, it doesn’t matter if you are a Jew or a Gentile, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbaric, uncivilized, slave, or free. Christ is all that matters, and he lives in all of us.”

Friend, I don’t know about you, but a message like this makes me so thankful.

First, we know that all people are created in the image of God. Genesis 1 tells us this. Our value is not determined by what we can do or cannot do. Our worth is not based on where we live or the color of our skin. Our value is first and foremost found in our very being. We are people who are created in the image of God.

We’re not animals. We are not descendants of animals. God created mankind by forming Adam from the dust of the ground and breathed the breath of life into his nostrils. We are in a class all of our own.

But we know we have sin in our lives. That sin corrupts our nature and separates us from God.

It changes how we view God and how we view each other. This sin causes division and hostility between each other.

But God sent Jesus Christ to save us from our sins. In verses 9-10, Paul tells us our old natures are removed, and God gives us a new nature. Because of the work of Christ, those who are followers of Jesus have a new perspective on life and each other. Our value at church, at home, in the workplace is not made up by our decisions or abilities but rather in Christ in us.

If you feel undervalued or pushed aside, that may be someone’s viewpoint, but not God’s. And it’s God’s view that matters.

So here's my challenge for you: tear down a barrier. Many people put up barriers due to the performance system of the world. Instead, we need to be building people up in their true value. So for the lost person you want to reach, show them and tell them of their intrinsic value. How can you show them they are made in God's image?

For the brother or sister in Christ, how can you show them they are valued. Because Christ lives in all of us, he breaks down all racial, religious, cultural, and social barriers and makes believers into a new creation. Let's live like it today.