

JUNE 22

“GOD DOES NOT SEE YOU THE WAY YOU SEE YOURSELF.”

READ

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

It's a difficult thing to stand in front of a mirror and say, "Now, there's a righteous man or woman of God!" We know ourselves too well; what's really inside that could come out. Many believers wonder, "How could God love and use me, after all the stuff I did, said, and still wrestle with in my life?" God does not see you the way you see yourself. God knows things about you that you don't know. It's why Jesus died on the cross for you. He sees something in you that you don't see. He has a plan for your life. If it were up to us, we would never be in any ministry. We feel too condemned and unworthy. Jesus, who knew no sin, took our sins on Himself so He could make us something we weren't — righteous. Everyone God called in the Bible had an inferiority complex: "You can't mean me; you've picked the wrong person!" God makes no mistakes. He chose you. He looks into the soul of every person, and sees the things that we don't.

PRAY

Lord, thank You that You didn't come just to make me better. You came to make me new — with a new heart, a new name and a new life. I am the righteousness of God in Christ.

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