



GALATIANS *free*

## Galatians 1:10-24

For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.

<sup>11</sup> For I would have you know, brothers, that the gospel that was preached by me is not man's gospel. <sup>12</sup> For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>13</sup> For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it.

<sup>14</sup> And I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. <sup>15</sup> But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and who called me by his grace, <sup>16</sup> was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles

<sup>23</sup> They only were hearing it said, “He who used to persecute us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy.” <sup>24</sup> And they glorified God because of me.



# Our Pursuit of Value

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Or am I trying to please man?

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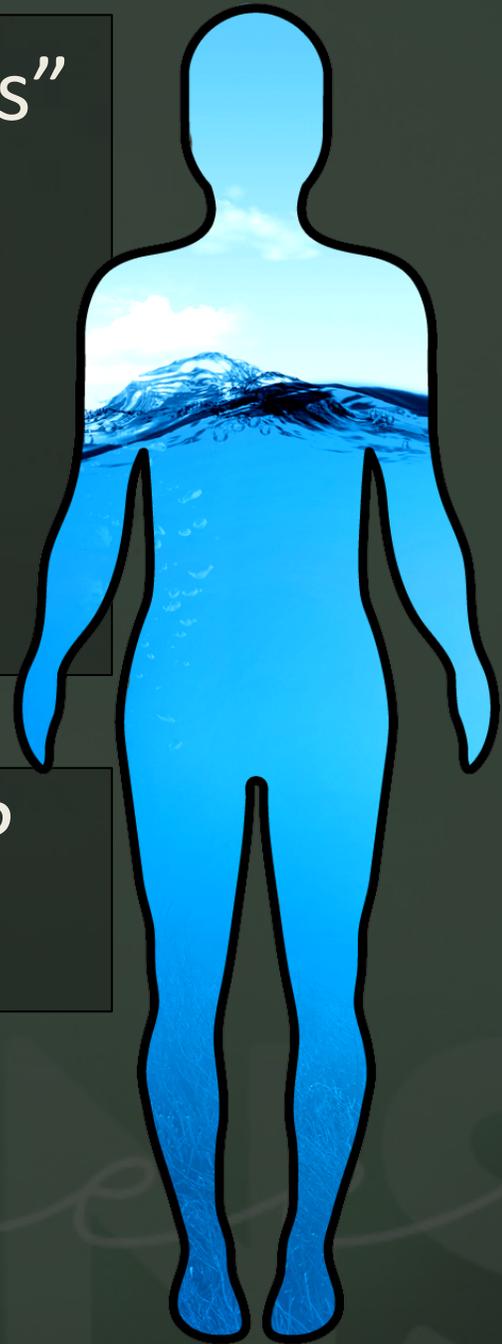
*14 And I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers.*

*My behavior determines my value and my status before God*

- Job; Experience; Accomplishments; “likes”; “views”
- Relationships - spouse, kids, name drops
- Appearance - social media or in person
- Preferences - music, media, hobbies, coffee...
- Beliefs - political, social, theological

*How are you impacted when criticized? Flattered?  
What devastates you...or elevates you?*

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I would not be a servant of Christ.



# God's Gift of Value

<sup>15</sup> But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and who called me by his grace, <sup>16a</sup> was pleased to reveal his Son to me,

*Matthew 3:16-17*

*<sup>16</sup> And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; <sup>17</sup> and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my **beloved Son**, with whom I am well pleased."*

*Jesus' behavior  
determines my  
value.*

*Zephaniah 3:17*

*The LORD your God is in your midst,  
a mighty one who will save;  
he will rejoice over you with gladness;  
he will quiet you by his love;  
he will exult over you with loud singing.*



- *You are a New Creation*
- *You are Complete in Christ*
- *You are Free from the tyranny of opinions  
(including your own)*
- *You don't need \_\_\_\_\_ to be complete*

**Conversations become  
about you**



**Enjoy others being  
in the spotlight**

**Fish for compliments**



**Compliment others**

**Exaggerations**



**Honesty**

**Vertical Relationships**



**Horizontal Relationships**

**Critique brings death**



**Critique ≠ Value**

**Unable to Repent**



**Able to Forgive**

# Living a Life of Value

*16b in order that I might preach him **among the Gentiles...***

*23 They only were hearing it said, "He who used to persecute us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy."*

*24 **And they glorified God because of me.***

*Jesus' behavior determines my Value;  
My Value determines my Behavior*

*1) Worship: Focus is on God and His Glory  
(rather than me and mine)*

*2) Generosity: Give myself away rather  
than demand from God and others.*

**God doesn't just erase your  
brokenness, He redeems it**

