

God's Unchanging Perspective of You

A. You Are Created in the Image of God

1. God chose you before the foundation of the world. Eph 1:4-5
 - a. You were predestined to be a child of God. Rom 8:29
 - You were in Christ from before the beginning.
 - Even before Adam was created, God knew you.
 - b. The Lamb was slain before the foundation of the world. Rev 13:8
2. God works in you to perfect you. 1 Cor 1:8; Phil 1:6; Jde 1:24
3. We are growing up in Christ. 1 John 4:15-17
 - a. Being changed into God's image by the Spirit 2 Cor 3:18
 - b. Growing in Love 1 Cor 13:12

B. Old Man vs New Man

1. You were crucified with Christ and your old man was not raised with Him. Gal 2:20
2. Reckon yourself dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. Rom 6:3-12
3. Walk in newness of life. Rom 6:4
 - a. You are a new creature in Christ. 2 Cor 5:17
 - b. Put on the new man. Eph 4:24; Col 3:10
4. Do not be double-minded. James 1:8
 - a. You are in this world but not of it. John 15:19
 - b. If you live in the Spirit, you will not fulfill the lusts of the flesh. Gal 5:16
 - c. Take a step toward God and He will take a step toward you. James 4:8

C. See Your Circumstances from God's Perspective

1. Set your mind on things above. Col 3:1-3
2. Become more aware of God and His promises than you are of your situation.
 - a. The two spies saw the Promised Land from God's perspective but the 10 spies did not. Numbers 13-14
 - b. David saw himself as a giant-killer because he knew God's promise. 1 Sam 17
3. In the Kingdom of God, God redeems our past failures and unfortunate history. What the devil meant for bad, God turns into good because all things work together for good to them who love God. Gen 50:20; Rom 8:28