God’s Creation – Inferior?
Scripture: Psalm 3:3 – 6 and Matthew 19:16 – 19
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Science has seceded in lengthening the human life span by almost 50 years in the last three centuries. I also need to mention that Covid-19 in 2019 reduced our life expectancy by 1 year! We have learned how to get more years into life but we have not learned how to get more real life into our given years.

Every one of us is guilty of the ugliest and most crippling sin of all – we think more lowly of ourselves than a person created by God. We ought to think that we were created in the image of God. We sell ourselves short! We under rate ourselves in our own thinking. This is just about the worst blasphemy we do against God. We think of our creation as inferior!

The average person has too low of an opinion of himself or herself. The average person does not consider that their body is sacred. The average person does not believe that their physical body is a temple by which God can live within him or her. The average person does not appreciate that their body is a miraculous creation by God. The average person neglects his body and abuses his body. The average person believes he or she is inadequate and ineffective. Unfortunately, the popular philosophy of our time has not done a thing to elevate the conception of the greatness and dignity of the individual.
Though our country was founded upon the religious and political percepts that every person is a child of God and that very perception was what made our country great – We have been going through an eroding of this perception, especially in the last few years! Many citizens of USA have felt the only way you can get social advancement is by depreciating the individual.

I am absolutely convinced that the greatest pressing need of everyone of us is to get a true perspective of our own worth and dignity. How we see ourselves is the experience by which we see and judge others.

I think the highest ethical concept known to man is – You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The Bible teaches that we must first love ourselves because unless we have love and respect for self, we cannot have love for our neighbors. We judge others by ourselves. We offer all kinds of solutions to the racial tensions amongst us, but until the races see themselves as sons of the same God, prejudice will continue to govern our relationships. We will not relate to one another meaningfully until we see ourselves as creations of God.

All of us are struggling with conformity. We want the approval of others. Our God is really a ‘somebody’. We can see what a ‘somebody’ God is if we see and know Jesus Christ. A ‘somebody creator’ does not make a ‘nobody’ child! God made everybody a somebody. It is a gift of God!

It is a young person of little faith who says – ‘I am nothing!’ It is the young person with faith in Jesus Christ who says – ‘I am everything’ and goes out to prove it. This is not conceit or egotism, it is trust, confidence, and most importantly faith.
Nothing cripples us more than our own opinion that we are inferior and inadequate. It is the self-image that makes us do what we do and act the way we act. The Bible says it this way – As a man believes in his heart, so he is. What we believe about God largely determines what we believe about ourselves and what we think of ourselves determines how we think of others.

Most of us need to get a new image of ourselves to feed into our faith in Jesus Christ. If we have felt like we are dirty, unwanted sinners, and no good to God or man; We need to accept Jesus’s offering of total forgiveness once and for all! It is then that we can see ourselves as a Disciples of Christ. We will become clean and redeemed. We will become wholesome and upright. And we will become courageous people for Christ, more than adequate for everything God calls us to do!

You will feel like a different person. You will act like a different person. You will become a new person in Christ.

The Bible says it this way – *If any person be in Christ, he/she will be made new. The old characteristics are done away with and the new will come forth.*

To be in Christ means to see yourself in the image of Christ, the person God intended you to be. Every person has been engineered for success by the Creator. Every person has access to power greater than themselves.

So, the question today was – Is God’s creation inferior? CERTAINLY NOT! If our present self-image is less than a person created by God, it can be changed! No one person is inferior! We are all children of God. This is the good news and the practicality of the Christian faith.
God made us after his own image. We lost that image. God gives us Jesus Christ, so we can see our real image again. God bids us to fix our eyes and minds on him. God forgives our mistakes. God takes our sins away from us so we can have dignity and self-esteem again. God has given us a goal – to glorify and enjoy our God forever!

God has made you and me. Now let us start living that way!

Appearing at the bottom of your screen will be some short phrases that I would like you to read with me – Let’s begin:

I am a child of God. And with God’s help
I will set out to prove it.

You are a child of God. And with God’s help
You will set out to prove it.

We are children of God. And with God’s help
We will set out to prove it.

Let us pray:

Lord, give us a good opinion of ourselves. Give to us a divine renewal and grant us a faith and hope and love that will ever rule our relationships with life. It is through Jesus Christ we pray this prayer. AMEN.