



GOD SEES OTHERS : Love & Mission

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What God Sees - Why His church does what it does

People have value not based on performance

1. Image of God: Humans are specially created in God's likeness, setting them apart from the rest of creation.

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2. Love and Sacrifice: The death of Jesus Christ is seen as proof of human worth, signifying that individuals are valued even while sinners

"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8.

3. Created with purpose: People are not accidents; they are purposefully created, chosen, and loved by God

"For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will." Ephesians 1:4-5.

THIS IS PERFECT VISION - WHAT GOD SEES!

You are in one of two camps. You can see what He sees or you can't yet.

POTENTIAL REASONS FOR NOT SEEING IT YET

1. My eyesight is blurry
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2. There is something blocking my view

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3. I'm too close to something

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4. I'm too busy from something

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All scripture is from the New International Version unless otherwise note.