

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

YOU ARE IMPORTANT TO GOD

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“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” (John 3:16)

God is interested in cultivating a relationship with mankind. He created Adam and Eve and came to the garden each day to spend time with them. They disrupted the relationship when they disobeyed God’s command not to eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. **Genesis 2:16-17; 3:6-11**

You may not know God, but He knows everything about you. **Psalms 139:1**

God knows when you sit down and when you rise up. **verse 2**

He is familiar with all your ways. **verse 3**

The Lord knows all your unformed thoughts and your words before they are even uttered. **verse 4**

He knows your past and future and continually guides you. **verse 5**

It can be hard to grasp that God is interested in you. **verse 6**

God is omnipresent; there isn’t any place you go in the universe to get away from Him. **verse 7**

It doesn’t matter where you go, God’s presence is inescapable. **verse 8**

Imagine trying to fly away from the light that penetrates the morning darkness and hiding in the sea. **verse 9**

Even then you could not escape from God. **verse 10**

It is not possible for darkness to hide you. **verse 11**

God can see in the dark; nothing is hidden from Him. **verse 12**

God put you together in the womb. **verse 13**

Anyone contemplating the human body will be filled with awe at its complexity and frailty. **verse 14**

God made your skeleton, blood, muscles, organs, tendons, veins, nerves, skin and DNA in the womb where no human eye could see it. You are not a mistake. **verse 15**

God is omniscient; He designed you before you were formed in the womb. **verse 16; Jeremiah 1:4-5**

God has great plans for you that are as vast as grains of sand. You are always under His watchful eye. **verses 17-18**

God is genuinely interested in humanity and hasn’t changed over the years. **Hebrew 13:8**



GOD CARES FOR HUMANITY

Johann Dober and David Nitschmann heard of atheist British landowner who had 2,000 to 3,000 slaves on the Caribbean island of St. Thomas. This man had said, "No preacher, no clergyman, will ever stay on this island. If he's shipwrecked we'll keep him in a separate house until he has to leave, but he's never going to talk to any of us about God, I'm through with all that nonsense."

Several thousand black slaves toiled in the sugar cane fields under the burning sun. They were doomed to live and die without hearing of Christ. Dober and Nitschmann were Moravians who had heard about their plight and were willing to sell themselves to the British landowner for the standard price of a male slave. As a member of the slave community, they could witness as Christians to the love of God.

Family members were obviously emotional. Was their extreme sacrifice wise? Was it necessary? As the ship sailed away, Dober and Nitschmann shouted across the spreading gap, "**May the Lamb that was slain receive the reward of His suffering.**"

They arrived in St. Thomas on December 13, 1732 where they lived frugally and preached to the slaves with a certain amount of success. By 1734 they returned to Germany, but other Moravian missionaries continued the work for fifty years afterward, establishing churches on St. Thomas, St. Croix, St. John's, Jamaica, Antigua, Barbados, and St. Kitts. These missionaries baptized 13,000 converts before any other missionaries arrived on the scene.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved." (John 3:16-17)