

The Idol of Self-Esteem



1 John 5:21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols.

We live in a media driven world where entire societies are being formed by buzz words that changes huge institutions right into the very top seats of governments and its leaders.

Imagine if you will how unstable human societies really are when the next new phrase takes hold of the world wide web and people are willing to cave into a pile of mush out of fear of being called an extremist, or a bigot?

Isaiah 64:6 For we have all become as one who is unclean, and all our righteousness is as a polluted garment: and we all fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

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The question is how can instability ever create anything but distrust in all of us?

How can a constant changing in the rules build a lasting relationships, or schools, families, when we are so given the fear of a word by the news media that we must watch everything we do or says?

Isaiah 33:14 The sinners in Zion are afraid. Trembling has seized the godless ones. Who among us can live with the devouring fire? Who among us can live with everlasting burning?

The buzz word self-esteem rarely it ugly head particular when some young person kills a bunch of people and the news media wants to blame something, or someone for such evil and heinous act done against humanity.

Christian's must not fall victim to this ever changing wisdom of this world because it will without doubt devastated their faith in the never changing God YHWH

The king of our eternal life never spoke of the buzz word self-esteem, and or self-worth, not even the apostles of Christ did, but why? Self examination is not new, or self-worth that is the subject of all the great and learned philosophers and scholars found in the history of mankind.

Deuteronomy 4:29 But from there you shall seek Yahweh your God, and you shall find him, when you search after him with all your heart and with all your soul.

And certainly Christ said repeatedly that we must come to him the light so that we repented of our past sins from in our hearts. Hence, self-examination something new under the Sun!

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John 3:19 This is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light; for their works were evil.

John 3:20 For everyone who does evil hates the light, and doesn't come to the light, lest his works would be exposed.

However, after Christ came we find almost a blind spot to self-worth, and, if you will, self-esteem, but why? Self was not the subject, but doing right onto others became the key to truth of Christ!

Never a word uttered about self-worth by Christ and/or his disciples.

What is the idea, the teaching of worth in our bibles from front cover to back? It is that God alone is worthy, and to him goes the praise, honor, and glory. It is as if man was not created to be worthy, he was created to give God glory and that was his worth!

Luke 18:19 Jesus asked him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good, except one--God.

Certainly that snatches the power out of self-esteem idol; here below is a statement about self-esteem let see if we agree with it?

Regardless of how you answer this question, the point is to reveal the fallacy of self-esteem. This is the exact question that we ask ourselves when we evaluate and determine our self-worth, and believing we can measure our self-worth is a lie.

"Am I good compared to that other person?" "Am I good at what I do for a living?" "Am I as attractive as them?" "Am I as successful as they are?"

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“Am I good enough for this or that?” The fallacy with these questions is that we don’t need to be “good” at something, or “liked” by others in order to be a good and worthy person. These are expectations that we place upon ourselves which leave us with deflated self-esteem. (by Joseph Wilner Life Coach)

So is this why Christ and his disciples never brought up the subject of self-worth, or self-esteem? No not exactly, and here is the reason they didn't.

Luke.17:6 The Lord said, "If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you would tell this sycamore tree, 'Be uprooted, and be planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. 17:7 But who is there among you, having a servant plowing or keeping sheep, that will say, when he comes in from the field, 'Come immediately and sit down at the table,' 17:8 and will not rather tell him, 'Prepare my supper, clothe yourself properly, and serve me, while I eat and drink. Afterward you shall eat and drink'? 17:9 Does he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded? I think not.

17:10 Even so you also, when you have done all the things that are commanded you, say, 'We are unworthy servants. We have done our duty.'"

God created man worthy of eternal life, he created them without all the fears we experience in just one-hour of life found in the anxiety of this world today. God created them in perfect peace and most importantly love. There is no fear in love, or for that matter inputting of evil motives. God could not created an unworthy person let alone someone with low self-esteem it was not something that was known by any of God's children in heaven or upon earth. Human worth did not come into play until sin entered into our world.

It was then and only then mankind was not worthy of God, or each other.

Nothing at this point for a sinner could make them worthy before God's accept by God's worth giving a sinner a free gift of worthiness from His own riches. None could have eternal life as sinner like Adam and Eve did when God created them both without sin.

The Law Defying Error of Self-Esteem

It did not matter to Christ or his disciples about mankind's self-worth, because that indeed was a faulty template to measures one worth to God against.

John 7:18 He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory, but he who seeks the glory of him who sent him is true, and no unrighteousness is in him.

John 2:25 and because he didn't need for anyone to testify concerning man; for he himself knew what was in man.

Using flawed piece of equipment as a template to build another one make the new one flawed also!

Proverbs 20:9 Who can say, "I have made my heart pure. I am clean and without sin?"

Job 14:4 Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? Not one.

Romans 5:12 Therefore, as sin entered into the world through one man, and death through sin; and so death passed to all men, because all sinned.

To measure ourselves against the worth of other ends us right back into sin! It is sin that causes us low self-worth in the first place,

God's love can't cause us low self-esteem and certainly no human on earth can make up for the loss of God's love in a sinner having low self-esteem!

Low self-esteem is a plague of sin in us, it is a fact of life as is death that going to come to all of us because we have sin in us. Defining a problem by a buzz word does not fix the inherent problem of being a human found in sin.

Worth Must Come From God

Yes, human worth was created by God, it was the enemy of God that broke the worthiness of mankind by a lie, Satan the Devil. It was proved that God was true to his own worth that he allowed man to choose for himself which worth he wanted. What is God's worth created in His love for his children and/or the worth of self-worth without God in not being apart of God's love?

God's worth given to Adam and Eve had nothing to do with works they could do for him to make themselves worthy, no! They were worthy because God is love. That was enough for most of God's creation in the heavens, but not enough for those fallen spirit sons of God that wanted more self-worth because they prided themselves as of greater worth than God fair and justice worth of His love in them.

1 John 4:7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God, and knows God.

1 John 4:8 He who doesn't love doesn't know God, for God is love.

1 John 4:9 By this God's love was revealed in us, that God has sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.

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1 John 4:10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son as the atoning sacrifice{"atoning sacrifice" is from the Greek "hilasmos," an appeasing, propitiating, or the means of appeasement or propitiation--the sacrifice that turns away God's wrath because of our sin.} for our sins.

The law defying error of sin in us wants a self-worth better than others, in comparing ourselves, and measuring ourselves against other fallen children of God in sin and destruction. Sin is destruction in its least form, it is a cancers to eternal life that eats us up not only us into death but spreads corruption into our very thoughts about each other and God himself.

1 Corinthians 5:6 Your boasting is not good. Don't you know that a little yeast leavens the whole lump?

1 Corinthians 5:7 Purge out the old yeast, that you may be a new lump, even as you are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed in our place.

2 Corinthians 10:12 For we are not bold to number or compare ourselves with some of those who commend themselves. But they themselves, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves with themselves, are without understanding.

Sin causes us a life long battle with self-worth, and it is used by the unrighteous to enslave us into every form of teaching and error found in government, religions, commerce. Yes, into chasing the endless rainbow of self-worth by something we do better, or as well, as the next guy!

Romans 11:6 And if by grace, then it is no longer of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace. But if it is of works, it is no longer grace; otherwise work is no longer work.

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A Worth Given Freely To Mankind

God gives mankind his worth in the beginning, and he still does today provided we don't think we can gain enough self-worth by our personal efforts to make us worthy of God.

Romans 9:11 For being not yet born, neither having done anything good or bad, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him who calls.

That is why we find nothing in Christ words, and/or his disciples teaching that proclaim the virtue of self-worth, self-worth is the Devil's tool to enslave all the nations of this world under his blinding power to the truth of God.

Philippians 3:9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own, that which is of the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith;

Nothing good or bad we have done makes us worthy or unworthy of the gift of God's worth too us in the name of Jesus Christ! If we want to come to altar of self-esteem and blame every problem upon peoples low self-esteem it does not matter because its not going to fix the problem of sin in us causing low self-esteem. If we want to destroy self-esteem taking human dignity away giving it to the power of government, religions, or commerce we can, but its does not fix the problem of sin in us.

When we start in error created by sin, we cannot put on truth with no error it must be given to us by a higher power, not of others, or mankind's wisdom, it must come to us as a free gift because we are not worthy to earn it so we can come out of the error.

Matthew 11:25 At that time, Jesus answered, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you hid these things from the wise and understanding, and revealed them to infants.

Matthew 16:17 Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.

Romans 1:17 For in it is revealed God's righteousness from faith to faith. As it is written, "But the righteous shall live by faith."{Habakkuk 2:4}

John 16:13 However when he, the Spirit of truth, has come, he will guide you into all truth, for he will not speak from himself; but whatever he hears, he will speak. He will declare to you things that are coming.

God has from his love given us the free gift of his beloved Son's life as our redemption from sin (our righteousness). If we want to make our self-esteem of greater worth than the free gift of God's love in his Son too us then are we devaluing God's greatest gift of worthy too us?

We will certainly end up in godlessness found in the error of law defying people of this world misled into ever whims and teachings of demons. Satan is a angel of light that told Eve she had enough worth to be a god, but he was a liar. Today Satan is telling mankind they can earn enough worth by obeying the rules and laws of the bible to please God where he is forced to give us eternal life!

If we are a Christian's and believe that evil lie we will constantly find ourselves in a battle with low-self-esteem and even suicidal thoughts at time.

Let us make this clear, as clear as anything you can here on this earth today, we as sinners have no worth in us as sinners to make us worthy enough to God. God happily gives the worth of his Son Jesus Christ that no one can take away from us or judge, but ourselves by lack of faith in the true worth of Jesus Christ, that is, if we fall into the the trap of the Devil by lack of faith in God's promises, self-worth will become our god!

Hebrews 10:22 let's draw near with a true heart in fullness of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and having our body washed with pure water,

Hebrews 10:38 But the righteous will live by faith. If he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him."{Habakkuk 2:3-4}

Hebrews 10:39 But we are not of those who shrink back to destruction, but of those who have faith to the saving of the soul.

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is assurance of things hoped for, proof of things not seen.

Hebrews 11:3 By faith, we understand that the universe has been framed by the word of God, so that what is seen has not been made out of things which are visible.

We are not working for self-worth it has been given too us by the promises of God who cannot lie even if we can't feel it. We are dead to our worth, we have been given a new worth in an indestructible life of Christ Jesus; there is so much worth in his precious life to redeem the whole human race; those living and found in death.

Revelation 5:12 saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who has been killed to receive the power, wealth, wisdom, strength, honor, glory, and blessing!"

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Revelation 5:13 I heard every created thing which is in heaven, on the earth, under the earth, on the sea, and everything in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb be the blessing, the honor, the glory, and the dominion, forever and ever! Amen!{TR omits "Amen!"}"

Now listen please we must endure in faith, not endure in doing more good works to gain more worth but faith to the end it is in faith to end that God has given us our worth in Christ. In that we can rejoice, we can remove the yoke of trying to be worthy enough. Faith lets us see as God's see what truth really is, and that is Jesus Christ the truth; our truth, our faith, and our life, our very worth. Praise WHWH for he is our glory, he is our worth and we are thankful for his name sake!

Let God be found true and every man a liar! Let the praise, honor and glory go to the rightful giver of life, a life worthy of his worship, Amen, come quickly Lord Jesus!

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