

Am I worth Jesus dying for me?

That's a question we all run up against throughout our Christian lives. And the answer is No, and Yes.

We are correct in saying "No" because we have done enough wrong to know that we don't deserve for Jesus to die for us. Remember, too, that we are our own worst critics—we always see the worst in ourselves.

But we are also correct if we say "Yes" to this question. And that's what I want to focus on this morning.

Here are 2 people that thought they were not up to it.

Moses - (Exodus) Moses tried very hard to tell God he was not much use for anything but herding sheep and goats. He ended up as a leader of millions of people by obeying God despite how he felt about his own value.

Gideon - He was hiding in the winepress treading corn, he was hiding from men. The angel said he was a "mighty man of valour", Gideon knew he wasn't, but God knew he would be, and proved it.

Here's the proof, from God's own words, that we are worth Jesus dying for us.

Mat 9:12-13 Jesus said, "It is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick. I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners." Jesus knew then that we are sinfully imperfect; he knows that is true of us now. But that's why He came. To call sinners to Him.

Gen. 1:27: So God created man in his own image."

Jer. 29:11: "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."

Is. 43:4: "Since you are precious in My sight, since you are honored and I love you, I will give other men in your place and other peoples in exchange for your life."

If a human said to us, "You are precious in My sight; I love you, and I will give up what it takes in exchange for your good", wouldn't that melt most of us? The God of heaven, creator and sustainer, says that to us.

I Pet. 2:9: "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."

We have been chosen, we have been called. We have worth in God's eyes.

Rom. 8:30: And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

I John 3:1: "See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are."

Heb. 13:5b: "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

Eph. 2:10: For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

The truth is God has always considered we were worth rescuing. None of us feel 100% comfortable with that. God knew we couldn't rescue ourselves, so he did it all himself. He provided the rescue plan, the sacrifice, and the circumstances to make it happen. Eph 2:13 But now in Christ Jesus you who were once far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

Many people suffer from feelings of being unworthy to receive the free gifts God has for us. Of course when we consider the mess we often make of our lives, we have to conclude that they are right. However, God never gives up on us and has made a way. In His eyes, we are worthy of Jesus dying for us to atone for our sins, and His atonement makes us worthy / sinless in the eyes of God.

Prayer: Father God, you chose us long ago to be your children. Thank You for Jesus dying on the cross to make us sinless when God looks at us. Help us to accept our worthiness in your eyes to receive this gift of eternal life and peace with the Father. Bless the bread and the cup that we partake of today in remembrance of the sacrifice made for us by Jesus. In Jesus'