

For Dorian Gray

God is God, we are not. Knowing our place before God. What does this mean and how do we do it?
Dorian Gray, Basil, Lord Henry - not until the end!

YOU AREN'T YOUR PAST OR PRESENT, FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE (1 CORINTHIANS 1:26-29)

How do you define your value?

Do you look for things from your past or present to boast in?

Do you find your value instead in how low you can go?

God is in both places, and the best news for us is that he takes all the low, messed up, weak, and foolish, and he applies himself to them, and we have hope.

God fills the cracks in our resume - he gets the glory, we don't get to boast.

YOU AREN'T YOUR WHERE YOU'RE GOING, FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE (1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-5)

We don't look at ourselves much because it's hard. It's much easier to play the part.

We have two options - building our faith on Christ crucified or the appearance of strength

Which one has the power? Or just the appearance?

Dorian tries to kill the sin, ends up killing himself - they are one and the same. O wretched!

And yet God was killed - and his piercings took. Instead of us receiving the mess and muck, Jesus.

And now through faith we are united in him in resurrection power.

YOU ARE GOD'S CHILD, FOR BETTER AND FOR WORSE (1 CORINTHIANS 1:30-31)

Considering God is not a limit on your life, it is the opening of the limitlessness of life in him.

W/O THE CROSS, WE HAVE NOTHING

Righteousness

2 Corinthians 5:21 - For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Sanctification

1 Thessalonians 4:6-7 - For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness. Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards not man but God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.

Redemption

Colossians 1:13-14 - He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the one who gives us everything, not us. So we, the weak, can boast in the strong.

Where have you been - too high, too low? Where do you want to go - building the house on the sands of time or rock of ages?

Do you know what you have as God's beloved child? Difference between knowing you're a member of a family and enjoying.