

THINK LIKE JESUS

What Do I Believe and Why Does It Matter?

LESSON 7 – HOW DOES GOD VALUE PEOPLE?

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16 (NIV)

God created everything, but the pinnacle of creation was human beings-creatures crafted in his own image. Humanity is special, and the Bible is the record of that love story between God and humans.

1. **Key Question:** How does God **SEE** people?

The Bible clearly reveals that God loves all people the same (**John 3:16**).

Quote by Patrick Henry Hughes: *“I see my disabilities as abilities. I see blindness more as an ability and sight more as a disability, because there are people with sight who tend to judge others by hair color, skin color, the clothes they wear, or all those outward things, and outward appearances. But I don’t see those things. I just see that which is in a person.”*

2. **ALL** people are loved by God and **NEED** Jesus Christ as Savior.

The people we struggle to love, God loves. God sees everything about us on the outside and the inside, and yet he completely and perfectly loves us.

“The Father loves the Son and has placed everything in his hands. ³⁶ Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God’s wrath remains on them.” John 3:35-36 (NIV)

Because Adam and Eve rejected God’s vision for his creation causing sin to enter their nature and thereby making them unfit for community with a holy God. That’s why we need Jesus Christ.

3. Each person possesses a **SINFUL** nature and need God’s forgiveness.

The sin residing in Adam and Eve is automatically passed onto their offspring. Every one of us is an offspring of Adam and Eve. We all act out the sin nature within us.

“We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own WAY.” Isaiah 53:6 (NIV)

Despite the sin that has permeated his creation, God remains faithful to his people. God’s love for us is unending and underserved... and he desires to **save everyone**.

“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8 (NIV)

4. ALL human life is of **VALUE**. And we need to treat all people the way **GOD** sees and treats them.

The youngest or oldest person in the world has not diminished in value one ounce in God’s eyes. If we would see people through God’s eyes, this would change the way we treat them.

“So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, ²⁷ for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.” Galatians 3:26-28 (NIV)