

**January 23, 2022 God Loves You Pt. 2 –
You Are Precious To Him!**

VIDEO INTRO

John 3:16

Genesis 1:27 - "So God created mankind in His own image, in the image of God He created them."

Psalm 139:14... *I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made.*

Job 10:10-12... ¹⁰ *Oh, that marvel of conception ...* ¹¹ *What a miracle of skin and bone, muscle and brain!* ¹² *You gave me life itself, and incredible love. You watched and guarded every breath I took.* (Message)

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

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BEFORE YOU WERE BORN...

...God Knew Your Identity

Psalm 139:15-16, 17... ¹⁵ *My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the depths of the earth;* ¹⁶ *Your eyes have seen my unformed substance; And in Your book were all written The days that were ordained for me, When as yet there was not one of them.* ¹⁷ *How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How vast is the sum of them!*

Henri Nouwen states... "From all eternity we are hidden 'in the shadows of God's hand' and 'engraved in His palms'." Before any human being touches us, God 'forms us in secret' and 'textures us' in the depths of the earth, and before any human being decides about us, God 'knits us together in our mother's womb.' God loves us before any human person can show love to us. He loves us with a 'first' love, an unlimited, unconditional love, wants us to be His beloved child, and tells us to become as loving as Himself". (Nouwen, 'Return of the Prodigal Son'. New York. Image Books. P. 105-106)

...God Knew Your Complexity

Psalm 139:13,14... ¹³ *For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.* ¹⁴ *I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.*

John Phillips states in his commentary... "We know that every living creature is made up of microscopic cells...cells containing 200 trillion tiny molecules of atoms. Each cell, in other words, is a micro-universe of almost unbelievable complexity. Each minute of every day some 3 billion cells in the body die and the same number are created to take their place. Such a complicated and enerring development of cells cannot possibly be the result of chance". (Phillips. 'Exploring the Psalms – Vol. 2' Kregel Books. Pp 597.598)

David Jeremiah states, "Our Creator is an artist of infinite majesty-a craftsman of breathtaking detail. All He does is driven and guided by His infinite love for you and me." (p. 33. God Loves You)

...God Knew Your Individuality

Psalm 139:16... *Your eyes have seen my unformed substance; And in Your book were all written the days that were ordained for me, when as yet there was not one of them.*

...God Knew Your Dignity

Colossians 1:16... ¹⁵ *Christ, He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation; ¹⁶ because by Him everything was created, in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities— all things have been created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and by Him all things hold together.*

Because we are created by God through Christ, in His Image, we are therefore of ultimate worth. Each person deserves dignity and respect because we are created and loved by God.

God Knew Your Destiny

Jeremiah 1:5... *Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, And before you were born I consecrated you; I have appointed you a prophet to the nations."*

God told this to Jeremiah

I formed you

I knew you

I consecrated you

I appointed you

...God Knew Your Possibility

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

David Jeremiah states in his book, *God Loves You*, "We are created to be a special reflection of God's nature. In everything we do, we reveal a picture of God on a smaller canvas. Our work reflects God's work. Our love provides a hint of how He loves us. He gives us dominion over this earth as He has dominion over all creation. (Jeremiah, p, 43)

...God Knew Your Legacy

Jeremiah 29:11... *For I know the plans I have for you, " declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*

God has plans for us, great plans, He wants us to join Him is carrying out His Kingdom agenda to bring all the world back into a right relationship of love with Him. May our legacy be one of love and faithfulness.

The bottom line here is that you, me and every single person on the earth is loved by God, no matter what our problems, sins or issues. YOU ARE WANTED AND LOVED BY GOD. The people of this world that we witness to and those that we are trying to disciple need to know this with assurance.

Closing movie clip "Thanks for wanting me" OCTOBER BABY