

GOD SEES US AS WE CAN BE—BUT LOVES US AS WE ARE!

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“And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.” {Hebrews 4:13}

God created man from the dust of the ground {Genesis 2:7}. And He created us in “His own image” {Genesis 1:27}. Then, God gave man dominion over all that He had created {Genesis 1:28-31}. We could say that man was the pinnacle of God’s creation. This being the case, when God finished, He had provided for Himself a creature with whom He could have fellowship. He did this because He loved us. “In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.” {1 John 4:9,10} In His infinite wisdom, God saw what we could become—people who could take on His character and have an influence on the remainder of creation. But remember that God also knew we would fail, and this is why He planned to send His Son to save a sinful world. Consider this seriously...

He loved us when we were sinners. “For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” {Romans 5:6-8} Do you suppose that God was and is disappointed in us? We know what happened in the days of Noah when He determined to send a flood to destroy the known world, except for Noah and his family {Genesis 6:1-8}. The wonderful thing is that God looked beyond our faults. He saw what people could become if they molded their lives according to His image.

Despite our utter failure much of the time, God still loves all people and desires for us to come to repentance {2 Peter 3:9}. We serve an awesome God! Who can deny that we have the advantage in this special relationship? ***