

Title: Jesus the Worth-Giver (Si Jesus ang Tagapagbigay ng Halaga)

- Worth is defined as the value equivalent to that of someone or something under consideration; the level at which someone or something deserves to be valued or rated. **Ang halaga ay tinukoy bilang ang halaga na katumbas ng halaga ng isang tao o isang bagay na isinasaalang-alang; ang antas kung saan ang isang tao o isang bagay ay nararapat na pahalagahan o bigyan ng marka.**
- In our life today, a sense of our own self-worth is difficult to build, and even more difficult to maintain if we don't know where to find our true worth. **Sa ating buhay ngayon, ang pakiramdam ng ating sariling pagpapahalaga ay mahirap buuin, at mas mahirap pang panatilihin kung hindi natin alam kung saan natin makikita ang ating tunay na halaga.**
- Don't look for your worth on the things you have and do, because they are unstable. **Huwag hanapin ang iyong halaga sa mga bagay na mayroon ka at ginagawa, dahil ang mga ito ay hindi matatag.**

Text: 1 Peter 2:9-10

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Marks of Your Worth (Marka ng iyong halaga):

- 1. You Are a People Chosen by God (Ikaw ay isang bayang pinili ng Diyos).**
 - He calls us chosen people. Peter uses terminology commonly used in reference to Israel. **Tinatawag niya tayong mga piling tao. Gumagamit si Pedro ng terminolohiya na karaniwang ginagamit sa pagtukoy sa Israel.**
 - This choice is not because we are better than others. This choosing is a work totally of God's grace. **Ang pagpili na ito ay hindi dahil tayo ay mas mahusay kaysa sa iba. Ang pagpili na ito ay isang gawaing ganap ng biyaya ng Diyos.**
 - **Ephesians 1:4-6** - "For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.
- 2. You Are a Royal Priesthood (Ikaw ay kabilang sa maharlikang pari).**
 - One of the things that distinguish us as believers are the fact that we can walk and live in the presence of God. You talk to God, and he talks to you. **Isa sa mga bagay na nagpapakilala sa atin bilang mga mananampalataya ay ang katotohanang maaari tayong lumakad at mamuhay sa piling ng Diyos. Nakikipag-usap ka sa Diyos, at kinakausap ka niya.**

- You, as a follower of Christ, have been chosen to be a royal priesthood. You minister with authority. **Ikaw, bilang isang tagasunod ni Kristo, ay pinili upang maging isang maharlikang pagkasaserdote. Naglingkod ka nang may awtoridad.**
 - You, of all people, have an intimate relationship with the Father. You intercede for people and teach them God’s Word. Christians have the privilege of being a royal priesthood. **Ikaw, sa lahat ng tao, ay may matalik na kaugnayan sa Ama. Ikaw ay namamagitan para sa mga tao at itinuro sa kanila ang Salita ng Diyos. Ang mga Kristiyano ay may pribilehiyong maging isang maharlikang pagkasaserdote.**
 - Romans 8:17 - “Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.”
3. You Are a Holy Nation (**Ikaw ay isang bansang hinirang**).
- They were set apart by God for good works, to serve him and worship him. In the same way, we have been chosen and set apart for good works. This separates us from the world. **Sila ay itinalaga ng Diyos para sa mabubuting gawa, upang paglingkuran Siya at sambahin Siya. Sa parehong paraan, tayo ay pinili at itinalaga para sa mabubuting gawa. Ito ang naghihiwalay sa atin sa mundo.**
 - Exodus 19:6 - ⁶you^[a] will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites.”
 - Ephesians 2:10 - “For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”
 - The church is a holy nation separated from sin and set apart for good works. **Ang simbahan ay isang bansang hinirang na hiwalay sa kasalanan at ibinukod para sa mabubuting gawa.**
4. You Are God’s Special Possession (**Ikaw ay pag-aari ng Diyos**).
- What does this mean? It means not only are we here to serve God, but we are here for his pleasure. **Ano ang ibig sabihin nito? Nangangahulugan ito na hindi lamang tayo narito upang maglingkod sa Diyos, ngunit tayo ay narito para sa kanyang kasiyahan.**
 - Whatever you own, you own for your pleasure because it gives you joy. Well, God chose you for his pleasure. **Anuman ang pag-aari mo, pagmamay-ari mo para sa iyong kasiyahan dahil nagbibigay ito ng kagalakan. Buweno, pinili ka ng Diyos para sa kanyang kasiyahan.**
 - Deuteronomy 7:6 - “For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, *his treasured possession*”
 - Ephesians 5:18 - “I Pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints.”
 - Zephaniah 3:17 - “The LORD your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing.”
 - Psalm 139:13-14 - ¹³For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. ¹⁴I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.
 - 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 - ⁹But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. ¹⁰That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.
5. You Are a People Who Received Mercy (**Ikaw ay Isang Bayan na Nakatanggap ng Awa**).

- It has often been said that grace is when God gives us what we don't deserve. Mercy is when God does not give us what we deserve. As the church, we were once a people under God's wrath because of our sin and rejection of Christ. But because of God's grace, we have now received mercy, the forgiveness of sins and have become the people of God. **Madalas na sinasabi na ang biyaya ay kapag binibigyan tayo ng Diyos ng hindi nararapat sa atin. Ang awa ay kapag hindi binigay ng Diyos ang nararapat sa atin. Bilang simbahan, tayo ay dating mga tao sa ilalim ng poot ng Diyos dahil sa ating kasalanan at pagtanggì kay Kristo. Ngunit dahil sa biyaya ng Diyos, nakatanggap na tayo ngayon ng awa, ang kapatawaran ng mga kasalanan at naging bayan ng Diyos.**
- 1 Peter 1:3-4 - ³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you,

"You Were Made for Something Infinitely Better Than Yourself." (Ikaw ay ginawa para sa isang bagay na walang katapusan na mas mabuti kaysa sa iyong sarili.)

Conclusion:

You are a people on earth whom God enjoys. You are his possession. If you truly understood this, if the eyes of your heart could really grasp this, it would deliver you from all your insecurities and fears. **Kayo ay mga tao sa lupa na kinasisiya ng Diyos. Pag-aari ka Niya. Kung talagang naiintindihan mo ito, kung ang mga mata ng iyong puso ay talagang makakaunawa nito, ito ay magliligtas sa iyo mula sa lahat ng iyong mga takot at pangamba.**

You are perfect because you were created by God. You are valuable because you are His child, redeemed by His blood and called for His glory and pleasure. **Ikaw ay perpekto dahil ikaw ay nilikha ng Diyos. Ikaw ay mahalaga dahil ikaw ay Kanyang anak, tinubos ng Kanyang dugo at tinawag para sa Kanyang kaluwalhatian at kasiyahan.**

For Discussion:

1. If you look at your life/self right now, how would you measure your worth? **Kung titingnan mo ang iyong buhay/sarili ngayon, paano mo susukatin ang iyong halaga?**
2. As you look at other people how would you measure their worth? **Habang titingnan mo ang ibang tao paano mo susukatin ang kanilang halaga?**
3. What are the distinguishing marks of the people of God which separate them from the world? **Ano ang mga natatanging tanda ng mga tao ng Diyos na naghihiwalay sa kanila sa mundo?**
4. From what we have learned, how would you value your life/self? Why? **Sa ating mga natutunan, paano mo pahahalagahan ang iyong buhay/sarili? Bakit?**