



The way we believe God views us can directly impact our relationship with Him and also impact how we see others. In order to understand how God perceives us it is important to understand that man is a three part being. Man is a spirit, he has a soul, and lives in a physical body (1 Thes 5:23).

Due to Adam's transgression man is born into this world with a spirit that is dead or in other words separated from God. Fallen man inherits a sin nature from Adam and it is through the New Birth (Born Again) that man's spirit becomes alive (Eph 2:5) and reconnected back to God. When man is born into this world, we are made sinners but when a person puts faith in Jesus, we are made righteous. The word righteous just means "right standing with God". The first birth when man is born into this world man inherits a fallen nature from Adam but when a person believes on Jesus, he inherits a righteous nature from Jesus (Rom 5:19).

This is key to understanding how God sees us. Many people believe that when they clean up their actions and do better than they will be right with God. The scriptures say that the moment we get born again we receive a brand-new spirit on the inside of us (Ez 36:27, 2 Cor 5:17) and we are already in right standing with God. We are created like God in true righteousness and holiness (Eph 4:24). Our spirit is the real us and the moment we put faith in Jesus, God sends the spirit of His Son into our hearts, and we become one spirit with Jesus (Gal 4:6, 1 Cor 6:17). This is important to know because in the spirit realm our spirits are identical to Jesus and are perfect (Heb 12:23). Our spirit (the real us) is just as perfect as Jesus is and has been sealed by the Holy Spirit (Eph 1:13) where sin

cannot touch or contaminate it (1 John 3:9). We may sin in our flesh (body) or our mind (soul) but our spirit (the real us) cannot sin.

God is a spirit (John 4:24) and you are a spirit and God sees us spirit to spirit. The part of us that God sees is our spirit and that part is identical to Jesus, so when God looks at you, He says “perfect”

God does not have to squint when He looks at us. He is pleased with us, and we are already accepted in the beloved (Eph 1:6).

because He sees His Son. You are now holy and blameless in His sight (Eph 1:4). You are **holy in his sight, without blemish, and free from accusation** (Col 1:22).

Understanding how God sees us is a basic fundamental truth that every believer should be rooted in. The only way to not walk in condemnation,

guilt, and shame is to understand we were made in right standing with God the moment we believed on Jesus (2 Cor 5:21). God took that sin nature and gave us a Godly nature and we can now approach God without any inferiority but with freedom and confidence (Eph 3:12). We can now come boldly to the throne room of Grace and run to our Father when we miss the mark, not run from Him. One of the pieces of armor that God provides us with to stand against the wiles (lies) of the devil is the breast plate of righteousness. This breastplate is to keep us established in the truth that we are in right standing with God based off Jesus finished work, not our own. **God now sees us in Christ**, and we too need to see ourselves in Christ.