

YOU'RE ALREADY ENOUGH

Romans 8.14-17: For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “*Abba, Father.*” The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. 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.

Galatians 2.20: I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Galatians 4.4-7: But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “*Abba, Father.*” So, you are no longer a slave, but God’s child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

Because of what Christ has done on our behalf, and through the power of the Holy Spirit at work within us, God has _____ us as His children and has given to us the same inheritance that has been given to Jesus.

Psalm 139:1-18

- ¹ You have searched me, Lord,
and you know me.
- ² You know when I sit and when I rise;
you perceive my thoughts from afar.
- ³ You discern my going out and my lying down;
you are familiar with all my ways.
- ⁴ Before a word is on my tongue
you, Lord, know it completely.
- ⁵ You hem me in behind and before,
and you lay your hand upon me.
- ⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too lofty for me to attain.
- ⁷ Where can I go from your Spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence?
- ⁸ If I go up to the heavens, you are there;
if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

- ⁹ If I rise on the wings of the dawn,
 if I settle on the far side of the sea,
¹⁰ even there your hand will guide me,
 your right hand will hold me fast.
¹¹ If I say, “Surely the darkness will hide me
 and the light become night around me,”
¹² even the darkness will not be dark to you;
 the night will shine like the day,
 for darkness is as light to you.
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.
¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you
 when I was made in the secret place,
 when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.
¹⁶ Your eyes saw my unformed body;
 all the days ordained for me were written in your book
 before one of them came to be.
¹⁷ How precious to me are your thoughts,^[a] God!
 How vast is the sum of them!
¹⁸ Were I to count them,
 they would outnumber the grains of sand—
 when I awake, I am still with you.

God has known us _____ than anyone else has.

God knows us better than anyone else does.

God sees our ups and our downs, and He loves us anyway.

We are His _____.

So, we are beloved. Now what?

We can expect to run into some of the same _____ Jesus ran into.

Matthew 4.4-11: Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.” Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. For it is written: “‘He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’” Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. “All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.” Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’” Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

At the very moment we are alerted to our identity as the one God loves, we find ourselves almost immediately _____ or tempted by the deceiver?

THE TESTS OFFERED TO JESUS ARE SOME OF THE SAME OFFERED TO US AS WELL:

1. _____ yourself

- a. Make something happen
- b. Take matters into _____
- c. Show how able or capable you are
- d. Risk of arrogance and pride

2. Live up to others’ _____ of you

- a. Keep up with the Jones’
- b. Do business as others do
- c. Try to fit in
- d. Let _____ determine your value

3. Gain the _____ of the world

- a. Bow down to earthly values
- b. Money, cars, trips, house to name your value
- c. Influence and affluence