You Are God’s Treasured Possession

One of the main reasons why most Christians suffer from feelings of rejection, self-hatred, insecurity, terrible fear, people-pleasing, loneliness, unfulfilled cravings for approval and similar things is they:

- do not know how God really feels about them.
- do not spend time meditating on how He feels about them.
- and do not spend much time expressing love to God through worship, praise and prayer.

Read how God feels about His people. In Deuteronomy 7:6, He says they are His treasured possession: “...the Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth.” Deuteronomy 14:2 says the same. Romans 2:28-29 and Galatians 6:16 reveal New Testament believers are a part of the Israel of God. It is crucial you start saying and believing that you are God’s treasured possession.

You are the apple of God’s eye

In Deuteronomy 32:9-10, God declares His people are the apple of His eye: “For the Lord’s portion is His people; Jacob is the place of His inheritance...He kept him as the apple of His eye.” David understood this truth applied not just to God’s people as a whole, but to individual believers also. In Psalm 17:8, David prayed: “Keep me as the apple of Your eye…” You should say to yourself regularly, “I am the apple of God’s eye – a treasured person.”

God delights in you

In Psalms 147:11, 149:4 and Zephaniah 3:17, God says how greatly He delights in His people. Psalm 149:4 says: “For the Lord takes pleasure in His people…” Zephaniah 3:17 states that the Lord: “…will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing.” Can you imagine God rejoicing about you in song?

Isaiah 62:5 states: “…as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.” Think of how a loving bridegroom feels about his bride on their wedding night and honeymoon! 1 Ephesians 5:29 teaches that the Lord cherishes believers in Him: “…cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church.”

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1 Note the verses quoted in this chapter about being God’s treasured possession, the apple of His eye and being delighted in by Him only relate to believers. This is in the Scriptural contexts in which they are written. God unconditionally loves all people – unbelievers and believers. As their Creator, He values all unbelievers and believers enormously. As Creator, He owns all people (see Ezekiel 18:4). But He owns only believers in the sense of them being purchased back from the rule of sin and eternal condemnation. So only believers are God’s purchased treasured possession in the sense 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, 2 Corinthians 1:22, Ephesians 1:14, Romans 14:8 and Acts 27:23 refer. Also note He does not accept or delight in unbelievers until they turn from sin to Him.
Bible Study Questions

1. Why do most Christians suffer from feelings of rejection, self-hatred, insecurity, fear, people-pleasing, loneliness and similar things?

2. What do Deuteronomy 7:6 and 14:2 teach about God’s attitudes to His people? Why can we apply these verses to New Covenant believers?

3. Which verses reveal God delights in His people, rejoices about them and cherishes them?