

Does My Life Matter (Part Two)

Review of Does My Life Matter (Part One)

Answer #1: Yes, because God did not need us—He wanted us!

It matters to God, so it matters! No matter what someone else tells you, your life matters, first and foremost, to the One Who created you. How do I know? Glad you asked. On Day Six, you and I were on the mind of God. Here is part of that account.

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply..." Genesis 1: 26 – 28

How did this world (including my life) get so screwed up?

What we refer to in Bible-speak as the "**Genesis 3**" world happened. Sin entered and death followed. In between, you and I have a tendency, if not predisposition, to make bad decisions, sin, and often blame someone else.

Answer #2: Yes. You are uniquely created. God only made one of you. **Fingerprints of God! You are special!** Too often, you listen to what other people say about you and try to frame who you are or who you think you are in their eyes. Stop listening to the lies!

*"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because **I am fearfully and***

wonderfully made; Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be." Psalm 139:13-16

"Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, And before you were born I consecrated you;" Jeremiah 1: 4-5b

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Answer #3: Despite our sin and rebellion against Him, God chose NOT to completely destroy mankind and start over, He made a way to redeem, reconcile, and restore *man* into a perfect relationship with Him. All of these fulfilled many OT prophecies beginning in Genesis 3 when God cursed Satan (in serpent form at that time). I told you it is referred to in Bible-speak as the *Protoevangelium*. The thing you must remember is this. God did not give up on Adam and Eve, or His disobedient people – the Israelites – throughout their history. And

God never gave up on you and me!

Here is a summary we covered of all the ways in which He provided for our reconciliation to Himself as perfect.

- God Incarnate – Jesus the Christ– only God could satisfy Himself to restore perfection.
- Virgin birth. Had to be so that Jesus was born of the Holy Spirit not man.
- Perfect life. That was required from the Old Testament forward that God would only accept the blood of a first born perfect animal. In that case perfect meant unblemished.
- Blood Sacrifice. Crucifixion was the means of death in Roman times. That fulfilled many Old Testament prophecies. Only blood brought forgiveness of sins.
- Victory over death. Appeared to over 400 witnesses.
- Took His rightful place again as the Second Person of

the Trinity.

- Sent the Holy Spirit as promised to convict, comfort, guide, and empower

All of this because YOUR LIFE MATTERS TO GOD!

My dear friends who, up to this point in your lives, have refused to acknowledge desperate place in life – a sinner, hopeless and in need of a Savior. Jesus Christ – His blood the perfect sacrifice- is the only open door and way to be restored to God in the perfection of Adam before the Fall. You must repent of your sins, receive Him today, and He is your Savior forever.

“Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.”” John 14: 6

Only thru Jesus will you be able to experience the joy of God’s love, grace, and mercy—and favor in this life. Yes, indeed,

Your Life Matters to God!

For Christ’s sake,

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