

THE CRY FOR HELP #4 WORTHINESS

Luke 15 ²¹ His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son. NLT

Eph. 1 ³ All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ. ⁴ Even before he made the world, **God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault** in his eyes. ⁵ God decided in advance to **adopt us into his own family** by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. **This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.** ⁶ So we praise God for the glorious **grace he has poured out** on us who belong to his dear Son. ⁷ He is so rich in kindness and grace that **he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins.** ⁸ He has showered his kindness on us, along with all wisdom and understanding. NLT

I. Worth comes from acceptance.

⁶ To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. KJV

A. We must accept the Father's **forgiveness**.
V7 He....forgave us our sins.

B. We must accept the Father's **grace**.
⁶ So we praise God for the glorious **grace he has poured out** on us who belong...

II. Worth comes from association

Eph. 1³ All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ

A. We are united with Christ -v3

B. We are blameless because of Him.

V4.....chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes

V7...that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins

C. We are blessed beyond measure because of Him.

V3.... who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing

III. Worth comes from adoption

⁵ God decided in advance to **adopt us into his own family** by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. **This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.**

A. Adoption implies “**premeditation**”.

⁴ Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us...

B. Adoption implies “**choice**”

V4 ...chose us..

C. Adoption implies “**love**”

⁴ Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us...

D. Adoption implies that “**we belong**”

⁵ God decided in advance to **adopt us into his own family**

E. Adoption implies “**delight**”
V5... **This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.**

IV. Worth comes from affection

⁴ Even before he made the world, **God loved us** and **chose us in Christ...**

1JO. 3 How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!NIV