

SEEING YOURSELF AS GOD SEES YOU

Seeing Through God's Eyes
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"Your eyes are windows into your body. If you open your eyes wide in wonder and belief, your body fills up with light." Matthew 6:22 (MSG)

"I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe."
Ephesians 1:18-19 (NIV)

HOW GOD SEES ME BECAUSE OF HIS GRACE

1. GOD SEES ME _____

"Jesus treated us much better than we deserve. He made us acceptable to God and gave us the hope of eternal life." Titus 3:7 (CEV)

"[God] saved us—not because we were good enough to be saved but because of his kindness and pity—by washing away our sins . . . all because of what Jesus Christ our Savior did so that he could declare us good in God's eyes."
Titus 3:5-7 (TLB)

"You have been chosen by God himself." 1 Peter 2:9 (TLB)

"Though my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will receive me."
Psalm 27:10 (NIV)

2. GOD SEES ME AS _____

"Look at the ravens. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns, for God feeds them. And you are far more valuable to him than any birds!"
Luke 12:24 (NLT)

"You belong to God." 1 John 4:4 (NLT)

"You have been bought and paid for by Christ, so you belong to him."
1 Corinthians 7:23 (TLB)

God says: *"You are precious to me."* Isaiah 43:4 (GNT)

3. GOD SEES ME AS _____

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16 (NIV)

"The mountains and hills may crumble, but my love for you will never end . . ." So says the LORD who loves you." Isaiah 54:10 (GNT)

4. GOD SEES ME AS _____

"Long ago, even before he made the world, God chose us to be his very own through what Christ would do for us; he decided then to make us holy in his eyes, without a single fault—we who stand before him covered with his love."
Ephesians 1:4 (TLB)

"I am the God who forgives your sins, and I do this because of who I am. I will not hold your sins against you." Isaiah 43:25 (GNT)

5. GOD SEES ME AS _____

"The capacity we have comes from God; it is he who made us capable of serving the new covenant." 2 Corinthians 3:5-6 (GNT)

"Using the Scriptures, the person who serves God will be capable, having all that is needed to do every good work." 2 Timothy 3:17 (NCV)

"I can do all things . . . through Him who strengthens and empowers me [. . . I am self-sufficient in Christ's sufficiency; I am ready for anything and equal to anything through Him who infuses me with inner strength and confident peace.]"
Philippians 4:13 (AMP)

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GOD'S PURPOSE IN MY PROBLEMS

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"Friends, when life gets really difficult, don't jump to the conclusion that God isn't on the job. Instead, be glad that you are in the very thick of what Christ experienced. This is a spiritual refining process, with glory just around the corner."

1 Peter 4:12-13 (MSG)

"He takes no pleasure in making life hard, in throwing roadblocks in the way."

Lamentations 3:33 (MSG)

1. GOD USES PROBLEMS TO _____

"A person may plan his own journey, but the LORD directs his steps."

Proverbs 16:9 (GW)

"Sometimes it takes a painful experience to make us change our ways."

Proverbs 20:30 (GNT)

"I have thought about my life, and I have directed my feet back to your written instructions." Psalm 119:59 (GW)

"I am glad . . . not because it hurt you but because the pain turned you to God."

2 Corinthians 7:9 (TLB)

2. GOD USES PROBLEMS TO _____

"The Lord . . . searches all hearts and examines deepest motives so he can give to each person his right reward, according to his deeds—how he has lived."

Jeremiah 17:10 (TLB)

"You [God] inspect them every morning and test them every minute."

Job 7:18 (GNT)

"Humans are satisfied with whatever looks good; God probes for what is good."

Proverbs 16:2 (MSG)

"God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands." Deuteronomy 8:2 (NIV)

"I have tested you in the fire of suffering." Isaiah 48:10 (GNT)

3. GOD USES PROBLEMS TO _____

"God corrects all his children, and if he doesn't correct you, then you don't really belong to him. . . . God corrects us for our own good, because he wants us to be holy, as he is." Hebrews 12:8, 10 (CEV)

"Consider yourself fortunate if God All-Powerful chooses to correct you."

Job 5:17 (CEV)

"God teaches people through suffering and uses distress to open their eyes."

Job 36:15 (GNT)

"The punishment you gave me was the best thing that could have happened to me, for it taught me to pay attention to your laws." Psalm 119:71 (TLB)

4. GOD USES PROBLEMS TO _____

"God will save you from hidden traps." Psalm 91:3 (NCV)

"God is leading you away from danger . . . to a place free from distress."

Job 36:16 (NLT)

"It is better to suffer for doing good than for doing wrong." 1 Peter 3:17 (NCV)

"You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good." Genesis 50:20 (NIV)

"Since the Lord is directing our steps, why try to understand everything that happens along the way?" Proverbs 20:24 (TLB)

5. GOD USES PROBLEMS TO _____

"After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who calls you to share his eternal glory in union with Christ, will himself perfect you and give you firmness, strength, and a sure foundation." 1 Peter 5:10 (GNT)

"These hard times are small potatoes compared to the coming good times, the lavish celebration prepared for us." 2 Corinthians 4:17 (MSG)

"We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they are good for us—they help us learn to be patient. And patience develops strength of character in us and helps us trust God more each time we use it."

Romans 5:3-4 (TLB)

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