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**What makes you worthy of God’s love?**

* Not your **E\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**(v. 9, 11-12)
* Not your **F\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** (v. 10-11)
* Not **Y\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** (v. 13)

**Don’t trust in Yourself** (v. 9, 11)

* **H\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** yourself (v. 14)
* Receive the kingdom of God like a child - in total **D\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** (v. 17)

“For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” Luke 18:14

**What makes you worthy is:**

1. God **C\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** you (Is. 43:1)
2. God **S\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** you through Jesus’ death and resurrection (v. 1b, 3)
3. God **C\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** you to belong to Him (v. 1c-3)
4. God **D\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** in you as His own child (v. 4)

“But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: ‘Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior… Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you…’” Isaiah 43:1-4

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