

GOD CARES FOR YOU

You are a special person.

You are special because of God. God says you are valuable to him. He genuinely cares about you and what happens to you.

In this chapter, you will investigate four statements of God's concern for you:

- God created you.
- God knows you.
- God loves you.
- God made you part of his family.

GOD CREATED YOU

1. Genesis is the book of beginnings. Chapter 1 tells us that God created the universe. Read Genesis 1:1-5. List at least three facts concerning the creation.

2. How did God create the world? *Read Hebrews 11:3*

3. How should you respond to God's creation? *Revelation 4:11*

4. Why did God create you? *Isaiah 43:7*

5. The dignity God gave man is shown by man's uniqueness, his authority, and his purpose. List some facts from Genesis 1:26-28 that indicate:

- a. The uniqueness of man _____

- b. The position or authority of man _____

- c. The purpose of man _____

GOD KNOWS YOU

6. In Psalm 139:1-6 David mentions several areas of his life which God has "searched and known." List at least four of them. Then place a check mark by the areas God knows about your life.

7. How did David respond as he realized how completely God knew him? *Psalms 139:23-24*

8. What does Jesus reveal about God's detailed interest in you?
Matthew 10:29-31

**GOD
LOVES YOU**

9. What was God's greatest demonstration of his love?
1 John 4:9-10

(*Manifest* means to show or make apparent; *propitiation* or *expiation* means a payment that restores favor.)

GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD . . .
WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM

SHALL NOT PERISH BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE

DEATH → LIFE

HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON

10. Study John 3:16 in relationship to the illustration above.
a. What did God's love cause him to do? _____

b. What does it mean that God "gave" his Son?

c. How can a person receive eternal life?

11. In John 10:9-16, Jesus compares his love and concern to the love and concern of a shepherd. According to this passage, what are some of the things he wants to give you?

12. Which items that you listed in question 11 are most important to you?

Take a moment to pray. Thank God for all the things you listed in question 11. Specifically remember those which mean the most to you. Praise him that these things are given to you because of Jesus, and that you do not earn them by your actions.

**GOD MADE
YOU PART
OF HIS FAMILY**

13. How did Jesus teach his disciples to address God? *Matthew 6:9*

14. Is it true that God is everyone's Father? Why or why not?
John 8:42-44

15. How is one born into God's family? *John 1:12-13*

"The importance of the assurance of faith lies in the fact that, childlike, I cannot possibly love or serve God if I do not know whether he loves and acknowledges me as his child."
ANDREW MURRAY¹

16. List some of the advantages of being a true child of God from Romans 8:15-17.

(Abba is a personal name for father.)

17. State briefly how you know God is your Father.

It is important for you as a Christian to be assured that God is your Father and that you have eternal life. Since feelings change, this assurance must ultimately depend on the Word of God. "I write these things to you who believe . . . that you may know that you have eternal life" (1 John 5:13).

Below are three verses that have helped many Christians gain this assurance. You may want to memorize the verse which helps you most in this area.

"I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life."

JOHN 5:24

"And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life."

1 JOHN 5:11-12

"Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will go in and eat with him, and he will with me."

REVELATION 3:20

¹ From "The Assurance of Faith" in *The New Life* (1891).

Remember These Points

- God created you for his own purpose and his glory. He gave you dignity by shaping you after his own likeness.
- God considers you to be of great value. He takes personal interest in knowing you completely.
- He loves you so intensely that he sent his Son to die for you on the cross. This demonstration of his love shows he wants to give you an eternal and abundant life.
- When God gave you this life in Jesus Christ, you were spiritually born into God's family. He is your Father. You are his child.