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Proverbs 16v7

Isaiah 53v10

John 8v29

Romans 8v8

The word I want to speak on is "pleasing"

How can we please God?

There is only one who pleased God and that is the Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 8:8 - "So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God."

This verse teaches us that in the flesh we cannot please God. We are born sinners and "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

Because we are born in sin we continue in sin and have an appetite for sin. We can only be changed by God's power and the cleansing shed blood of the Lord Jesus.

If we are believers we cater for the Spirit within us because of the change that has taken place.

"If any man be in Christ he is a new creature:old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (2 Cor 5:17)

Have you been changed by the Holy Spirit? It is an inward change not external. "Man looketh on the outward appearance but God looketh on the heart" (1 Sam 16:7)

God has never changed. "The Lord Jesus is the same yesterday, and today, and forever" (Heb 13:8).

The Father and Son are the same with many likenesses as in the human relationship.

God wants us to be changed inside, not shine ourselves up on the outside.

We may think we can change ourselves by quoting the Lord's Prayer or some catechism but that will not change the inside. It is only as we accept the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour through faith that we are made anew.

Works cannot get us to Heaven however good they may be. "All our righteousnesses are as filthy rags" (Isa 64:6)

Proverbs 16:7 - “When a man' ways please the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him”

“Without faith it is impossible to please God” (Heb 11:6)

We do not have to do anything or do penance we just need to exercise faith in the One who has done it all.

When the Lord Jesus Christ came into the world He was despised and spat upon although He was the only One who never did anything wrong and was the only One who pleased God.

“His visage was marred more than any man” (Isa 52:14). He suffered for our sins. He never sinned.

John 8.29 - “I do always the things that please the Father”

He did always the things that pleased the Father. There is no other like Him although there have been many great men of God in the past.

We have the benefit of Scripture and the Holy Spirit but could never say we always pleased Him. He did not say He would try or He would do His best; He said I do always the things!

In the temple at the age of twelve, He could say “Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?” (Luke 2:49) It could never be said of an angel only the Son of God. The heavens were opened for God to say “This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased” (Matt 3:17)

Isaiah 53 v 10. “It pleased the Lord to bruise Him.”

He knew what He was going to pass through and yet He still pleased His Father in all things.

We can take our example form the Lord Jesus Christ but more importantly we need to exercise faith in Him and Him alone. He ever pleased God right to the end at Calvary. We can have eternal life through Him if we will trust Him now.