

Lewiston Church of Christ

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MESSENGER *Growing Friendships, Families & Faith.*



Weekly Services

Sun. Bible Study 9:45 AM
Sunday Worship 10:45 AM
Sun. Day/Evening Groups
Wed Bible Study 6:30 PM

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BEHOLD
what manner of LOVE
the Father has bestowed on
us, that we should be called
children of God!

~ 1 JOHN 3:1 ~

You Matter!

The size of our universe is astronomical. The number of humans who have existed and perished is beyond counting. With such a huge picture in view, it is easy to feel small and insignificant. Moreover, if our universe is all there is and our existence is just a chemical accident, then life has no transcendent meaning. It is just a random flash-in-the-pan and you don't matter.

The Bible paints a very different picture and it is personal. Sure, we cannot begin to count the stars but the prophet Isaiah affirms that our Creator calls all the stars by name and not one was missing (Isaiah 40:26). Better yet, the last book in God's word indicates that the names of those who serve God were written in the Lamb's book of life from the foundation of the world (Revelation 13:8). That's personal!

If, as the Bible claims, our universe has a purposeful Creator who actually cares about you, then you matter. Unlike the rest of creation, humans were invested with God's own image and likeness from the start (Genesis 1:26). And although we sinned and fell far short of God's purpose for us, He did not give up on us. The Bible affirms, "He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins." (1 John 4:10).

So, you not only matter; you are loved. It was God's love-driven plan from the beginning to call us His children. Listen to the apostle John; "See how great a love the Father has given us, that we would be called children of God; and in fact we are." (1 John 3:1).

Yes, the universe is vast. Who can count the stars in the heavens or the grains of sand on earth? Not you and not me. We are humbled by our smallness and our inability to count. But because God loves us, we do count. Jesus said, "the very hairs of your head are all numbered." (Matthew 10:30).

But life's meaning is not measured in numbers and you are more than a statistic. If the total number of hairs on your head is zero, you still count. Jesus' point was that we matter to our Creator who loved us enough to call us His children. JMS