



## The Undeserving Nature of All of US

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If I am going to become a loving person, I will have to understand that I was undeserving of Our Father's Love. And after I have received His love and begun to enjoy His love, I will have to remember how undeserving I was and that I was equally as undeserving as everyone else in my world, or else I will begin to choose to love some and not love others because I have now become more deserving than THEM.

### By This We Know We Have Been Loved

- By the \_\_\_\_\_ that's \_\_\_\_\_ to Love
- By how \_\_\_\_\_ we \_\_\_\_\_ Their Actions
- By the \_\_\_\_\_ we \_\_\_\_\_ through Their Act
- By the \_\_\_\_\_ they have in \_\_\_\_\_ to Love or Not

### How Undeserving We Were ... Romans 5:1-11

- God's Love and the Role of the Holy Spirit in \_\_\_\_\_ His Love ... (1-5)  
Cp. 1 Corinthians 2:10-12; 6:19
- Before His Love \_\_\_\_\_, We Were ... (6-11)
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  - \_\_\_\_\_ ...  
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### The Undeserving and HIS Love

- We were (are) \_\_\_\_\_
- The \_\_\_\_\_ is Equally \_\_\_\_\_ of His Love
- Will You \_\_\_\_\_ to the Transforming Power of His Love?

### Appointment with God – Prayer Focus

#### HONESTY AND PRAISE IN PRAYER

What is the Posture of your Heart as you Pray, Worship, and Come into the Presence of God?

The ideal answer is that we would always come to the Lord with thanksgiving and praise! However, let's look at David in many of his psalms. He often starts out with questions and expressing a hurting heart! *"Why do You stand afar off, O Lord? Why do You hide in times of trouble?"* To be honest, I believe EACH of us sometimes comes into His presence with these same thoughts and emotions.

If you pay attention as you read the Psalms, you will discover that even when David honestly expresses his questions and sorrows, he never lingers there. He moves His focus from what he sees and feels upward by speaking out truths of who God is and how He works. He speaks God's promises back to Him. He doesn't allow emotions to rule but speaks out truths to pierce the darkness.

A summary of many of David's prayers is that he was brutally honest with His Father and expressed all he was experiencing along with his questions and doubts. But he didn't linger there! He moved to praise and thanksgiving and a full focus on the Lord.

In what ways might you change how you are going to God in prayer to experience a deeper sense of praise and thanksgiving?

How can you put yourself in a better position to express praise and thanksgiving?

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