

## Imputed Worth

"For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself." Galatians 6:3

God said: "The LORD God formed man from the dust of the earth. He blew into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living being."<sup>1</sup> Abraham acknowledged that he was nothing but "dust and ashes."<sup>2</sup> I do not know how God could make it clearer: **man is nothing but the dust of the earth.** It was from dust that He made us, and it is to dust that we will return.

You find this theme emphasized throughout the Bible. This does not mean that God has failed to endow you with gifts and abilities. Even in these, however, as it is "...written, that no one of you be puffed up for one against another. For who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it?"<sup>3</sup>

This means that whatever worth you have, you have it because God imputed it to you. He made you from dirt to call attention to the fact that you have no intrinsic worth. **Never derive your worth from who you are or what you accomplish.** Your worth is solely the product of God's loving you so much that He died in order for you to spend an eternity with Him.<sup>4</sup> This biblical concept is so important that we will review it frequently in this devotional.

<sup>1</sup> Genesis 2:7 <sup>2</sup> Genesis 18:27 <sup>3</sup> 1 Corinthians 4:6-7 <sup>4</sup> Colossians 1:21-22