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It feels like my prayer is hitting the roof.

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Why would an all powerful God be interested in me?

Why would anyone be interested in me?

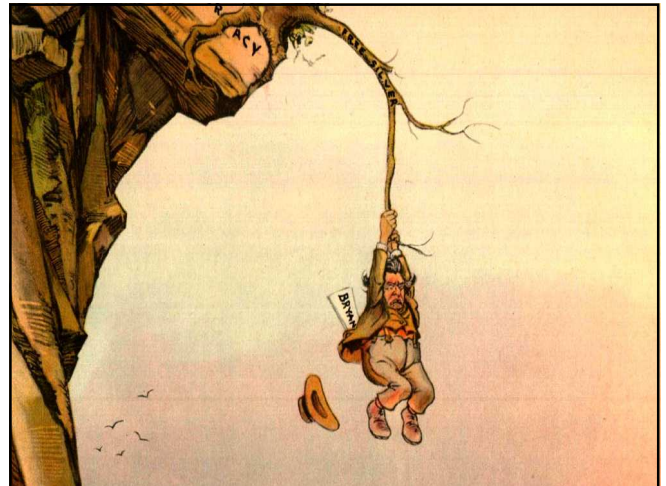


*These questions are negative
and sprout negative thoughts.*

*We have all asked this question
in some way or form.*

Reduce the Distance

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2:11 Therefore, remember that
formerly you who are Gentiles by
birth and called "uncircumcised"
by those who call themselves
"the circumcision" (that done in
the body by the hands of men)--

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2:12 remember that at that time
you were separate from Christ,
excluded from citizenship in
Israel and foreigners to the
covenants of the promise, without
hope and without God in the
world.

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2:13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ.

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2:14 For he himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, (unfriendliness)

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2:15 by abolishing in his flesh the law with its commandments and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new man out of the two, thus making peace,

2:16 and in this one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he

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2:17 He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near.

2:18 For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

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2:19 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household,



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4. But God, being rich in mercy,
because of the great love with
which he loved us,
5. even when we were dead in
our trespasses, made us alive
together with Christ—by grace
you have been saved
6. and raised us up with him and
seated us with him in the

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7. so that in the coming ages he
might show the immeasurable
riches of his grace in kindness
toward us in Christ Jesus.
8. For by grace you have been
saved through faith. And this is
not your own doing; it is the gift of
God,

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9. not a result of works, so that
no one may boast.
10. For we are his workmanship,
created in Christ Jesus for good
works, which God prepared
beforehand, that we should walk
in them. (ESV)

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10. We are engineered by his
design; he molded and
manufactured us in Christ. We
are his workmanship, his 'poetry.
We are fully fit to do good,
equipped to give attractive
evidence of his likeness in us in
everything we do. (MB)

**Reducing the Distance
Is about changing your
mind
Repent
Rethink
Renew your mind**
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