

A Prayer of Recollection:

(adapted: T. Pickett)

I am not God, but a finite creation of God

Lord, I know that I have a body that has limitations. I am here right now and cannot be other places.

I cannot grant everybody's wishes. I am grateful for the truth that I am not you, God. Only You can meet all the needs around me. Thank you, Lord.

Calls us to rest in God's sovereignty and love—he will accomplish his purposes. We don't need to be God.

In my deepest place, I am not my names, roles and qualities, and these are not my righteousness (my salvation, my rest).

At my deepest place I am not a daughter or son, a husband or wife, a father or mother, a boyfriend or girlfriend. I am not what I do. I am not how much money I make. At my deepest place, I am not what others have named me. I am not my failures. I am not my successes. I am not my strengths. I am not my weaknesses. In my deepest place, I am not just any of the characteristics that are a part of me. I am not a kind person. I am not an angry person I am not a _____.

I confess any image of myself I cling to as a means to find my own salvation, my own righteousness apart from your love and Christ's atonement (righteousness).

Calls us to rest from, indeed to repent of, our efforts to somehow find identity, our worth, our salvation, in things apart from God.

I affirm the truth of my soul's identity in Christ.

In my deepest place, I am a spirit now clothed with the righteousness of Christ.

I am precious in God's eyes.

From all eternity, God calls me His Beloved.

He holds me with an everlasting embrace.

Call us to rest in our deepest identity as God's beloved, which was given to us through the cross of Christ, and the gift of the Spirit.

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Comment [1]: Genesis 3:4 "You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman. **5** "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

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Comment [2]: Phil 3:3b, 7-9: we who worship by the Spirit of God, who glory in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh— . . . 7I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ **9**and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law . . .

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Comment [3]: PHIL. 3:9B . . . but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith.

EPH. 3:17B "And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, **18**may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, **19**and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.