

Hide. And. Seek.

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What you see is what you get — or is it?

Did you grow up with a “little miss goody two shoes,” or maybe you were one? This is not a bad way to be, and I did grow up with one. I, on the other hand, was not, and I was usually in trouble, mainly because I said what I thought. I chose not to lie. When asked by my parents if I did or said something, I told the truth. Even now you can look at my face and detect what I am thinking.

What do people see when they look at your face?

How do you see yourself when you look in the mirror?

Begin With Prayer

Dear Lord God, thank You for this time to spend with You. Fill me with Your spirit and open my heart to Your Word. I pray that this study will be a blessing to all who are hearing these words from Scripture. You are our Lord and our God. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

Hide and Seek

Look at **Jeremiah 23: 23–24**, then ask yourself: “Do I try to hide from God? Is there something hidden inside me? Is it time to reveal what is hidden?”

Great comfort is discovered in **Matthew 11:28–30**. List the promises given. _____

Jesus wants us to give our past, our life now, our future, and all our concerns to Him. He wants us to be healed.

Mercy Me

My father always told me that I was “the apple of his eye.” He died while I was living in darkness and never saw how I turned out. I carried that guilt around for years. Not too many years ago, through Bible study, prayer, and the Holy Spirit, I was able to let go of that guilt and live in God’s mercy.

What does **Ephesians 2:4–6** say about:

Mercy? _____

Death? _____

Alive? _____

Our position? _____

Peace I Give You

In my early years, I prayed for the peace that had eluded me. One night, a family meeting was called because my father was in the hospital dying. Before I went, I remember praying for peace and to know the truth. When I

joined the family, I had to listen to how terrible a person I was and what a bad daughter I had been. [See cover story.]

Now, I do know the truth. I have the peace that only God can give, the peace that passes all understanding. I am the daughter of the King.

Who Are You?

Read **Isaiah 43:1** and **1 Peter 2:9–10**.

How does God view you in these verses? Why? _____

What does God give you in **Philippians 4:19**? Why? _____

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How will you respond? (Look back at **1 Peter 2:9**.) _____

1 Corinthians 10:31 _____

Psalms 28:7 _____

Closing

Read **Romans 15:13**, substituting “I” and “me” for the word “you.”

End where we began, with prayer

Our Father in heaven, thank You again for being with me today and through this study of Your Word. Thank You for giving me Your peace, hope, grace, and life with You here now and forever. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen and Amen.

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