



What do you think God would think of you?

One of the assignments the confirmation students have is to “interview” the pastor, so I had them come up with a list of questions they wanted to ask me (with a particular focus on spiritual things).

They asked a few easy-to-answer questions, like: “How old are your kids?” (26 & 27) and “How far did you have to walk - ‘uphill both ways’ - to school every day?” (A mile) and “What is the square root of 225?” (15).

I also received some deeper questions, like the one listed at the top. It’s a great question. One that gets at the heart of our relationship with God. My answer was this:

I expect that God thinks about us in much the same way that most parents think about their kids - remember, He is our Heavenly Father. And as our Heavenly Father the most important thing God thinks about me - and you and everyone else - is this: I brought you into this world and I really LOVE you!

That great passage at the end of Romans chapter 8 reminds us that there is NOTHING - nothing we have done, nothing we will do, and nothing that has been done to us - that can ever make God quit thinking, “I love you!”

And, when I do things He’s told us are good for us to do, God probably thinks something along the lines of “Way to go kid! You’re making your Dad proud!” Just like most parents would think of their kids in that situation.

Also, like any parent would naturally be disappointed, sad or hurt when a child disobeys the rules or flat-out rebels, I expect God reacts with similar disappointment, sadness or hurt feelings when I mess up. He knows I can do better.

But no matter how badly I mess up - and pastors are not immune from messing up badly! - I know that God still loves me. Sending His Son to take the punishment for My sin is proof of that! I also know that instead of holding a grudge against me for what I’ve done wrong, He holds out His forgiveness (just like the Father in the Prodigal Son parable) and will never give up on me!

Thanks for asking,
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