

Satisfies and Releases By Eric Miller

Faith in Jesus balances us against praise and/or criticism.

Do not allow the praise or the criticism of men determine what God thinks of you? Your value is not based upon what you do or don't do. Your value is based upon the blood of Jesus which was shed for you and the power of the Holy Spirit that lives within you.

Without Jesus shedding His blood for us, we do not have anything to offer others. When we were born, we all inherited the sinful nature of Adam and Eve. But when we are born-again we inherit Jesus new nature! His nature is not something we worked for by trying to impress others or worry about what they say.

His nature (which we receive by faith), is what satisfies and releases us from what what others think about us, whether it be praise or criticism.

Acts 14:11 When the crowd saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, "The gods have come down to us in human form!"

Acts 14:19 Then some Jews came from Antioch and Iconium and won the crowd over. They stoned Paul and dragged him outside the city, thinking he was dead.

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