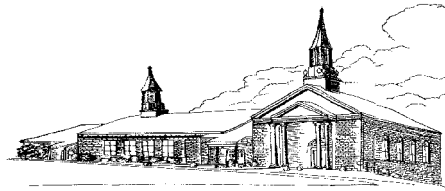


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The 164th Letter of Lee to the Olivet Church

I know there are so many things that come to mind when those of us who were children of the 1980's recall the days of our childhood. Most of us remember going to arcades and playing on PacMan machines. Many of us played games on our own Atari or Intelelevision systems at home. We went to the movie theaters to watch movies like E.T. and Goonies, and there were so many other things we got to do.

And I'd guess that many of us remember our mothers jumping on the crafting trends of those times. I remember when my mom and her friends joined in the macrame knot frenzy. At one point in time it almost seemed like they were tying those knots 24 hours a day. And I remember well, the cross stitch craze. It seemed like the mom of just about every friend I had was working on some sort of cross stitch masterpiece. In fact, numerous cross stitch projects were framed and hung on the walls of our home. I vividly remember several of them to this day. One that my mom hung on the wall of my childhood bedroom was of a little boy wearing overalls with a fishing pole in his hand and the words captioned over him, "I know I'm somebody 'cause God don't make no junk". Google tells me that those words were first spoken by the late American singer and actress Ethel Waters. I think those are great words-words worth remembering, and I'm glad that quote was hanging on the wall of my bedroom back in the days when I was learning to read. I guess those really were some of the first words I can remember reading.

Scripture certainly affirms that sentiment. In Isaiah 64 we find the words, "*Yet, O Lord, you are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand.*" As people made in the image of God we are actually His masterpieces.

I hope you realize that you are indeed a masterpiece of God-the work of His hand. You are very valuable to Him, so valuable that He has gone to great and painful lengths to keep you with Him for all eternity.

Each year August seems to bring changes in the lives of many people. Young people are going back to school or off to college. Some people are undertaking new endeavors. Others are enjoying familiar routines. No matter where you are in life, let me just remind you again that "you are somebody, 'cause God don't make no junk." God is holy. God is perfect, and God made YOU.

Grace and Peace,