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FBCWR:  
To present the Lord Jesus  
Christ: His work  
on the  
cross  
and  
His in-  
dwelling  
power  
to meet  
man's  
needs.*

*Because of the Lord's  
great love we are not  
consumed, for His  
compassions never fail.  
They are new every  
morning; great is your  
faithfulness. I say to  
myself, "The Lord is my  
portion; therefore I will  
wait for Him."  
Lamentations 3:22-24*

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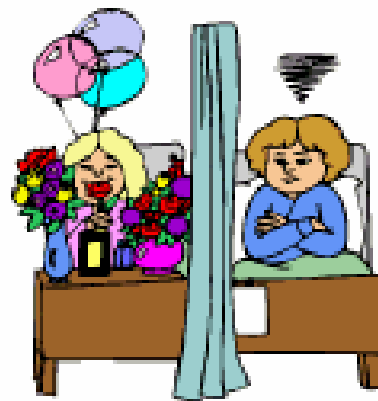
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## When our "15 Minutes" Are Over

Richard Hatch just *thought* he was "in". Not the Richard Hatch who won the now infamous *Survivor* show. The one who stars on *Battlestar Galactica* and has worked hard and been a successful actor since debuting on *Hawaii Five-0* in **1968**. This formerly most popular Richard Hatch has been upstaged by a "fat, naked, gay guy" named Richard Hatch, who just in case *you* have recently been living on a deserted island yourself, just won a 45 day game show contest. *Survivor* Hatch just received a half million dollar advance for a 76 page paperback book about his life. Now *Battlestar* Hatch has been deluged by callers who mistake him for Popular Hatch. Of course no one ever said pop culture makes sense. Then again, why should even TV actor Hatch be better known than the lady down the street who volunteers for the Special Olympics?

### Overnight Celebrity

The world's pecking order is neither fair, nor stable. In our society a person can become a household name virtually overnight and be revered because they are known for being, well, well-known. Think of those ubiquitous boy bands and blond haired teen girl singers - who are evidently being mass cloned in a secret Disney studio. They are virtually worshipped today.



So why would we play to this crowd and derive our sense of worth from this world system? What a lousy foundation on which to build our self-esteem. Is it really all about who we know, what we look like, who likes us, how much we have or what we have accomplished? The world builds their identity on these things, we need to know our great value and God's fulfilling love, apart from the crutches of the world which eventually shackle. John says in 12:43 that *many* of the Jewish leaders believed in Christ but wouldn't admit it "for they loved the approval of men rather than the approval of God".

### Being "In" with God

We are currently studying the book of Acts of the Apostles in our worship services. The book explains how God turned the world's popularity polls upside down through a handful of outcast, misfit and redneck followers of Christ. Let it be shouted from the housetops - God has redefined "in". The person who is found in Christ, who lives for Him - that is the ultimate winner. A messenger of God appeared to Daniel and addressed him in an enviable way, "O Daniel, man of high esteem". Now that's popularity worth striving for.

-Joe Fornear