

= Beautiful (MercyMe song) =

" Beautiful " is a song by contemporary Christian music band MercyMe . Written and composed by MercyMe , Dan Muckala , and Brown Bannister , the song was written for the daughters of the band 's members . The song 's lyrics revolve around self @-@ worth and the love of God . " Beautiful " was released on September 17 , 2010 as the second single from MercyMe 's 2010 album The Generous Mr. Lovewell .

" Beautiful " received generally mixed to positive reviews from critics and attained success on Christian radio , peaking at the top spot on Billboard magazine 's Christian Songs , Christian AC Indicator , Christian AC Monitored , and Soft AC / Inspo charts . " Beautiful " ranked at number 7 on the 2011 year @-@ end Christian Songs chart , as well as at number 10 on the 2011 year @-@ end Hot Christian AC chart .

= = Background and composition = =

" Beautiful " was written and composed by the members of MercyMe , Dan Muckala , and Brown Bannister . " Beautiful " was written for the daughters of MercyMe 's band members . Lead singer Bart Millard , in an interview with Kevin Davis of New Release Tuesday , stated that " We [MercyMe] wrote the song with our daughters in mind . The band has 15 kids among all of us ... Satan targets our girls from a materialistic way , telling them how to act and how to look , what to eat and not to eat " , also commenting that " I try to tell my kids all the time that they are perfect and I know my daughters need to get their confidence in themselves from me . The way they want to be treated by men needs to come from me " .

" Beautiful " is a ballad with a length of four minutes and twenty @-@ one seconds . It is set in the key of G major and has a moderate tempo of 69 beats per minute , with a vocal range spanning from D4 @-@ B5 . Lyrically , the song is about self @-@ worth and the love of God , specifically aimed at young women and daughters . However , the song also has a broader theme ; Millard noted in an interview that that " All of us have felt unlovable at some point . At times , I feel worthless . I have an argument with a friend , all that I ? ve come to like about myself is suddenly falling apart . Who can love me if I don ? t even like myself ? It ? s hard to drag ourselves out of this way of thinking . We are taught to live according to these expectations . We think we need approval and accomplishment to validate our lives . But what does God tell us ? He says , ? You ? re beautiful . You are made for so much more than all of this . ? He loves us , even in our failings " .

= = Reception = =

= = = Critical response = = =

Critical reception to " Beautiful " was generally mixed to positive . Andy Argyrakis of Today 's Christian Music commented on his review of The Generous Mr. Lovewell that " Of course , there 's the token ballad or two , including " Beautiful " and " Won 't You Be My Love , " both of which are sure to further MercyMe 's radio domination , while providing a soothing and tender touch to the plugged in periods " . Kevin Davis of Christian Music Review opined that " Having three young daughters , I ? m extremely moved by the passion behind the lyrics speaking of how the world says we are never good enough , yet Christ saw something beautiful in us worth dying for " . Jesus Freak Hideout reviewer Roger Gelwicks was less positive , commenting that the song (along with an album cut , " Free ") " lack [s] anything to be held onto musically , and they do tend to drag on for too long and therefore bore the listener " .

= = = Chart performance = = =

" Beautiful " debuted at number 42 for the chart week of October 2 , 2010 on the Billboard Christian

Songs chart . The song advanced to number 22 in its second chart week , and to number 15 in its sixth chart week . The song advanced to number 10 the next week , and spent four weeks at number 9 (from weeks eight to eleven) before dropping back to number 10 in its twelfth chart week . " Beautiful " dropped to number 16 for the chart week of January 8 , 2011 (its fifteenth week on the chart) , but advanced to number 6 the following week and spent two consecutive weeks at that spot . Starting with the chart week of February 18 , 2011 , the song spent four consecutive weeks at number 2 before advancing to the top spot in its twenty @-@ fifth chart week . " Beautiful " held the top spot for one week (the chart week of March 19 , 2011) before dropping to number 5 . The song spent fourteen more weeks on the chart before dropping out , having spent a total of forty weeks on the Christian Songs chart .

" Beautiful " also peaked at the top spot on the Christian AC Indicator , Christian AC Monitored , and Soft AC / INSPO charts . " Beautiful " ranked at number 45 on Billboard magazine 's 2010 year @-@ end Christian Songs chart ; it also ranked at number 7 on the 2011 year @-@ end Christian Songs chart , number 10 on the year @-@ end Hot Christian AC chart , and number 27 on the year @-@ end Christian Digital Songs chart .

= = Other uses = =

" Beautiful " was included on the compilation album WOW Hits 2012 .

= = Music video = =

A music video was released for " Beautiful " . The video features the band performing the song in a live concert setting .

= = Charts = =

= = = Weekly charts = = =

= = = Year @-@ end charts = = =

= = = Chart procession and succession = = =