

Finding God's Acceptance

March 22nd 2026



KEY VERSES

- Romans 9:1-6
- Romans 9:30-10:4
- Exodus 19:9-14
- Leviticus 19:1-2
- John 15:9



KEY TAKEAWAYS

- God does elect people to be saved and pass over others leaving them in their sin. That's God's role in salvation. Man's role in salvation is to repent and believe in Jesus to save them. It's 100% God and 100% man's responsibility to turn to Christ.
- To find God's acceptance means that you must block your pride...that you refuse to make it about your efforts to get to God.
- To find God's acceptance means that you see God's character. As a holy God, God cannot let any guilty sinner join Him in heaven; they need a Substitute to die for their sins.
- To find God's acceptance means that you trust Jesus' work on the cross alone to save you from your sin.



TALK ABOUT IT

1. In what ways do you see people in your circle of influence try to gain God's approval? What are some wise ways to confront that lie with love?
2. What comes into your mind when you think about God? How would you define the holiness and justice of God?
3. Why do you think shame is such a huge problem for people in today's world? How can belief in Jesus cure our greatest enemy that we face?



APPLY IT

1. Write down three ways that you abided in Jesus' love for you last week. Now write down three ways that you didn't abide in that love. Confess your sin and ask Jesus to help you remember that you're already accepted by Him.
2. Pray for the people in your circle of influence. Ask God to give you words in the next few months for what to say to show them how Jesus' love is deeper and higher than anything that we've ever known.