

# HANDLING REJECTION: Rediscovering Our Acceptance in Christ

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## Introduction:

### I. WHAT I SEE: FAILURE

#### 1. The Cycle of Rejection In Our Human Relationships

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ reject me.
- B. I \_\_\_\_\_ myself.
- C. I reject \_\_\_\_\_.

#### 2. The Cycle of Rejection In My Heavenly Relationship

- A. Must Please God
- B. Works
- C. More works
- D. Hurt Feelings
- E. Rejection
- F. Give God another chance
- G. I withdraw

### II. WHAT GOD SEES: SUCCESS

Ephesians 1:3-8 “Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will-- to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.”

Galatians 2:20-21 “I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life

I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!”

Ephesians 2:4-7 “But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.” (New International Version)

Psalms 103:10-14 “...he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him; for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.” (New International Version)

What I am in Christ is much more of an issue to God than what I do for Christ!

**1. I must accept \_\_\_\_\_**

James 1:9 “The brother in humble circumstances ought to take pride in his high position.”

1 John 4:19 “We love because He first loved us.”

1 Peter 2:4-5 “As you come to him, the living Stone--rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him—you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.” (New International Version)

**2. I must also accept \_\_\_\_\_**

Romans 15:7 “Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.” (New International Version)

Romans 14:1-3 “Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on disputable matters. One man's faith allows him to eat everything, but another man, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. The man who eats everything must not look down on him who does not, and the man who does not eat everything must not condemn the man who does, for God has accepted him.” (NIV)

In Galatians 4:14 the Apostle Paul praised the Galatians for accepting him "as Christ Jesus Himself."

**Conclusion:**