

## **ACCEPTED IN THE BELOVED**

### **“Freedom from Rejection”**

Forms of rejection:

- ❑ Parental disapproval, abuse, coldness.
- ❑ Unwanted pregnancies
- ❑ Ridicule in school
- ❑ Divorce

Symptoms of rejection (Is 54:4-6)

- ❑ Fear – (of further rejection)
- ❑ Shame – (self-rejection)
- ❑ Disgrace – (out of favor)
- ❑ Humiliation – (low estate)
- ❑ Reproach – (social disapproval)
- ❑ Deserted – (loneliness)
- ❑ Distressed in spirit – (insecure)

God’s remedy for rejection:

- ❑ Is 53:3 He was rejected for us.
- ❑ Heb 12:2 He endured shame for us.
- ❑ Matt 27:45-46 Jesus received our judgment of full rejection by God.
- ❑ Thus: Eph 1:6 KJV – We have been accepted in the beloved.

Luke 15:11, 17-24 The father looked for the son. God is always ready to receive us.

Heb 13:5 “I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.”

#### ***Five Steps of Release:***

1. Recognize the problem and call it by name – rejection.
  - a. When we operate out of a spirit of rejection, fear is present, not love (1 John 4:18).
2. Forgive those who have rejected you.
3. Lay aside the bad fruit of rejection: rebellion, bitterness, resentment, hatred, etc.
4. Receive by faith God’s acceptance of you.
5. Accept yourself:
  - a. Physically – Ps 139:13-16
  - b. Spiritually – Eph 2:10

The Ten Unchangeables:

1. Our parents and the circumstances of our birth.
2. Our time in history.
3. Our ethnic background.

4. Our national heritage (one may change their citizenship, but one is born where they are born).
5. Our gender – some in our society are moving to change the unchangeable, either by dress, sexual orientation, or surgery. When this occurs, it is evident that the person is moving in a spirit of rejection because they are rejecting how God made them.
6. Our birth order.
7. The number of siblings.
8. Physical features.
9. Mental capacities.
10. Aging and death.

*All of these unchangeables were conditions set down at our conception and birth, even death and aging (Ps 139:16). To fight against them is to fight against a Sovereign God and His grace in our lives. They are as much His work as the work of salvation (Eph 2:10). And we can't change their initial settings (which is why they are called unchangeables). We had nothing to do with it and it is futile to fight against it. Instead, we should with thanksgiving praise God for giving us life.*

*Once we have learned to accept the physical unchangeables, we need to move into God's plan for our lives.*

1 Cor 12:14-18

14 For the body is not one member, but many.

15 If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?

16 And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?

17 If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling?

18 But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.

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*Note: This teaching deals primarily with renewed mind issues in dealing with rejection. These will go a long way (if not all the way) to removing any ground yielded to the devil in this area of life. Having said this, it must be recognized that there are spirits of rejection, sentient evil spirits that afflict people. Once the ground is taken from them, these may be cast out in the name of Jesus Christ (Luke 10:19; Mark 16:17). "Who the Son sets free is free indeed" – John 8:36. May the Lord bless you and keep you. And may you know that you are accepted in the beloved*