

Accepting Ourselves



Declaring God's Word (Day 146)
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By an act of faith, you must believe what God says in the Bible: that you are accepted in Christ. Scripture tells us that God's purpose from eternity was to make us His children, and He accomplished this purpose, He made it possible, through Jesus' death on the cross on our behalf (see Ephesians 1:4–6). When you come to God through Jesus, God accepts you. He will not turn you away.

To make this step toward acceptance, you must accept yourself. Many times, this is the hardest thing for us to do. We look back over a record of failures and false starts, maybe the ways in which we have failed others. You may label yourself "failure," but God labels you "My son" or "My daughter." We must accept ourselves because God has accepted us.

When you come to God through Jesus, you are a new creation:

> "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ" (2 Corinthians 5:17–18)

That is the new creation. Do not think about yourself in terms of what you were before you came to Christ, for you have become a new creation.

Let us pray together: "God, I thank You that You love me, that You gave Jesus, Your Son, to die on my behalf. I thank You that He bore my sins, took my rejection, and paid my penalty. And because I come to You through Him, I am not rejected, I am not unwanted, I am not excluded. You really love me. I really am Your child. You really are my Father. I belong to Your family. Heaven is my home. Thank You, God. Amen."

Devotional

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