

How To Overcome Guilt, Shame & Rejection
From Rejection To Acceptance
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Initial Questions

- Can rejection come into one's personality before birth?
- In what circumstances is rejection sure to appear in a person's life?
- How does rejection lead into death or suicide or witchcraft?
- What is the Scripture's answer to rejection?
- What are the many blessings we receive from the exchange Jesus made on the cross?
- What are the four simple steps to ending rejection?

I. Rejection: Sense Of Being Unwanted

Moving from rejection to acceptance

II. Is. 54:6—Poignant Picture Of Woman

- A. Young woman: forsaken and grieved in spirit
- B. Prov. 18:14, 8—Wounded spirit
- C. 1 Cor. 2:11—Spirit of man is deeper than reason
 - 1. Spirit knows all about you—your mind doesn't
 - 2. Wounds not known by mind, reason, or memory
 - 3. Rejection is in the area of the spirit of man

III. How May Rejection Arise?

- A. Example of lady with spirit of death
- B. Cases where rejection may appear
Often begins before birth—3 causes:
 - 1. A child who is not shown love
 - 2. A child less favored by parents
 - 3. Rejection may come in later life: (Example)
- C. Rejection: An inner attitude and a demonic spirit—yielding to emotions can allow spirit to enter

IV. Two Lines Of Reaction From Rejection

- A. First line: From rejection, this progression:
 - 1. Loneliness
 - 2. Misery
 - 3. Self-pity
 - 4. Depression
 - 5. Despair, and finally
 - 6. Death or suicide
Difference between death and suicide
- B. Second line: From rejection, this progression:
 - 1. Hardness
 - 2. Indifference
 - 3. Rebellion
 - 4. Witchcraft
1 Sam. 15:23—Witchcraft (occult) from rebellion

V. The Radical Gospel: Going To The Root

- A. Matt. 3:10—Tree hewn down from the root
- B. Three parts of tree: 3 types of problems
 - 1. Branches: *Sins* (lying, immorality, etc.)
 - 2. Trunk: *Sin*
 - a. 1 John 1:8, 10—*Sins* and *sin*
 - b. Is. 53:5, 10—The distinction
 - c. Branches and trunk are *above* the surface
 - 3. Root: *Self* (ego): *Under* the surface
If a root isn't dealt with, problems continue

VI. Scripture's Answer To Rejection

- A. The 3 F's: Fact, faith, feelings
Everything God does is based on facts
- B. Three simple gospel facts:
 - 1. Christ died
 - 2. Christ was buried
 - 3. Christ rose on the third day
- C. Faith: Believes and acts on the facts
- D. Feeling follows faith

VII. Two Basic Facts In Relation To Rejection

- A. Every solution stems from the cross
Jesus dealt with the problem of rejection
- B. The work of Calvary: a perfect work
Basic principle of the cross: *exchange*
- C.

Jesus' part . . .	What we receive:
1. Took all the evil	All the good
2. Punished for sin	Forgiveness
3. Wounded for our sickness	Healing
4. Made to be sickness (Is. 53:10)	Health
5. Made to be sin (2 Cor. 5:21)	Righteousness
6. Made a curse (Gal. 3:13–14)	Blessing
7. Poverty (2 Cor. 8:9)	Wealth
He exhausted the poverty curse (Deut. 28:47–48)	
8. Death (Heb. 2:9)	His life (John 3:16)
9. Old man (Rom. 6:6)	New man (Gal. 2:20)
- D. Another side to the exchange: Rejection
Is. 53:3—Jesus' double rejection: *By men and God*
- E. Eph. 1:6—*Acceptance* in the beloved
 - 1. Also Luke 1:28—*Much favored*
 - 2. Example of father and prodigal son (Luke 15:11–32)
- F. Two basic facts to remember:
 - 1. Christ on the cross bore our rejection
 - 2. We are accepted because of His rejection

VIII. Four Simple Steps To End Rejection

- A. *Forgive* every person who has rejected you
- B. *Lay down* bitterness, resentment, hatred and rebellion

- C.** Accept it that *you are accepted in Christ*
- D.** *Accept yourself* (Never belittle yourself)
Make public declaration of these points

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