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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