

Genesis 1:26-27 Created in His image both male and female

Matthew 5:43-48 Be perfect as is the Father--sin keeps someone from being acceptable to God

Genesis 4:7 Sin waits to take us...don't give in to it

Amos 5:21-24 The Lord detests any sacrifice done as rote, divorced from affection & heart toward Him & others.

Micah 6:6-8 What does the Lord require of you?

Deuteronomy 10:12 All your heart, all your soul ~ all of you should belong to Him!

Isaiah 57:15 He inhabits eternity! Those who are contrite & humble will be with Him.

The proper attitude of humility is as important as the right actions.

Psalms 51:16-17 He will not despise a broken & contrite heart.

1 Peter 5:5-6 Humility, not pride... submit to the Lord and trust His plans.

Psalms 26:2 Ask the Lord to keep you straight & trust in His lovingkindness.

Question 1 ~ What is our acceptance based upon?

Romans 5:1-2 Our Faith in Christ & Christ alone... He is the Way into God's grace, & therein we can rejoice in the hope of the Glory of God. In this we can keep in mind the 2 sided reality of the Christian life... we belong to the Lord & are complete in Christ through our acceptance in Him; On the other hand, we are still growing in Christ, becoming more & more like Him, & therefore we haven't arrived at the end of our spiritual growth yet. All the while, having both situations, we also have the status of kings & the duties of slaves. We feel both the presences of Christ & the presence of sin. We enjoy the peace that comes from our position in Christ, & yet still must deal with daily problems.

Question 2 ~ Can I depend on god's acceptance?

Hebrews 6:18-19 God cannot lie & He provides our hope in Him & is the anchor for our souls. God has 2 immutable things on which we can rely ~ His nature & His promise. He does not change, & He cannot lie. He is all truth, & gives those who come to Him an unconditional promise of acceptance.

2 Corinthians 10:18 Don't count on yourself or your righteousness; only the Lord's gift of Christ's righteousness counts.

Acceptance = G2101 euarestos- fully agreeable, acceptable, well-pleasing

Psalms 84:11 The Lord will cover us & hold nothing back from those that walk with Him uprightly.

Ephesians 5:10 By our lives, we are to prove=test, try, discern- what is acceptable to God.

2 Corinthians 5:9-10 Be eager or earnest to be accepted and therefore appear before the judgment seat of Christ in good standing, getting what is our due according to our works.

2 Timothy 2:15

Proverbs 21:3

Proverbs 11:1

Romans 12:2

Romans 14:17-18

Hebrews 12:28

Proverbs 15:8

1 Peter 2:5

Hebrews 13:15-16

Proverbs 3:3-4

Psalms 69:13

Isaiah 49:8

2 Corinthians 6:2

Romans 10:8-10

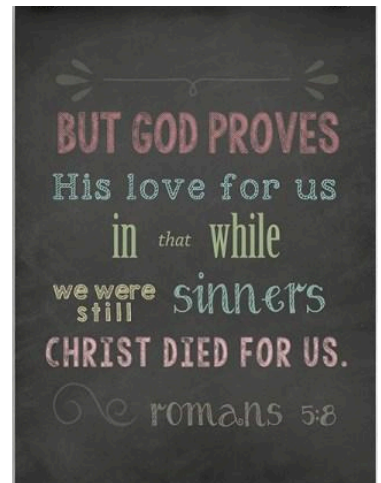
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| 1. Psalm 94:11 | Romans 14:12 | |
| 2. Proverbs 6:25 & Proverbs 6:32 | 1 John 3:15 | Matthew 5:28 Romans 12:1-2 Ephesians 4:22-23 |
| 3. Proverbs 4:23 | Romans 13:14 | Psalm 101:3 Titus 2:12 |
| 4. Psalm 51:10 | Psalm 139:23-24 | 1 Corinthians 10:13 |
| 5. Isaiah 26:3 | | |
| 6. Psalm 119:11 | Psalm 119:97 | |
| 7. James 5:16 | | |

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