



“I Am Accepted”

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I. **Psalm 27:1-10**

A. Everyone needs acceptance (act of being received)

1. Whether you admit it or not, the need for acceptance is a part of your life
2. Everyone wants it simply because everyone needs it; It's the way God created us. (*"It's not good that man should be alone."* **Genesis 2:18**)
 - We love encouragement, adoration, and praise.
 - It builds our confidence and to be honest....it just feels good!

B. God is the one who receives me when no one else will

1. He is my Father, my creator, the rock on which I stand; He is my help in time of need, my comforter, my provider, my healer, joy and strength. This is why I can boldly say, *"If God is for me, who can possibly stand against me?"*
2. Even when people fail you...the ones who should have validated your acceptance, *My God will adopt you as His own.* (vs. 10)
 - In Strong Comparison, Jesus stands by what He says: **Hebrews 13:5** *"I will NEVER leave you or FORSAKE you."*
 - "I am accepted by God. He loves me, and takes care of me. He is the strength of my song."

II. Overcoming Rejection

A. Understanding Satan's master plan

1. He works tirelessly to try to make you feel like a failure, unworthy, or incapable.
2. See it clearly today: All Satan wants you to do is to live in the "hurt" of rejection. Whether it's from a past relationship, a co-worker, a family member....Satan is only trying to steal your confidence and your joy!

B. How do I overcome

1. First...Know that Satan will do anything to try to replace God's acceptance with rejection from the world. (If I know Satan's tactics, then they shouldn't come as a surprise).
 - **II Timothy 3:12** *"All that will live godly will suffer persecution (rejection)."*
2. Second...Give your problems to the Lord, and Yes, it's Easier than you think.
 - **I Peter 5:6-7** *"Casting all your care (any distractions) upon Him; for He cares (whatever matters to you, matters to Him – He is interested in you) for you."*
3. Third...Build Your Confidence by Knowing How much He loves you
 - Your Father accepts you; Stop TRYING to MAKE God love you
 - Stop believing Satan's lies; you have something to live for. In fact, Jesus died for you so you might live.