

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath Blessed us with all Spiritual Blessings in heavenly Places in Christ: According as He hath chosen us in Him BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD, that we should be Holy and without blame before Him in Love: Having predestinated us unto the Adoption of Children by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the Good Pleasure of His Will, To the Praise of the Glory of His Grace, wherein He Hath Made Us Accepted In The Beloved.” Ephesians 1:3-6 KJV



Acceptance is an instinctual need everyone of us has from birth, because God created you to desire His acceptance. It is freely extended to whomever will do as God did for us; completely give ourselves over to His Love. Men, however, seek acceptance everywhere else but God, because Satan has deluded us into thinking that to gain God’s acceptance we must somehow gain perfection and totally lose our own identity in the process. Nothing could be further from the Truth! God doesn’t want automatons blindly submitting to His every whim. He created us in His own Image; each uniquely one of a kind in infinite variety! What Christ wants from us is His own pleasure which is us loving Him like He Loves us with our own personalities and individual traits, “yet without sin.” He wants us to be LIKE Himself, perfectly sinless; not mindless clones of Himself. The pleasure of the intimacy of love is the uniqueness of accepting and melding seamlessly in absolute harmony of soul and spirit. Very few even come close to this in human existence except they come to accept the Beloved Son of God in all His Unique Beauty of Holiness! God sees the real you before you do and Loves you for being you. Not the wanton lustful excesses of sinful disobedience, but the sweet beautiful perfect you that you are to become “in the Beloved.” Why do we love anyone in the first place? Because they bring us pleasure! God loves you because it brings Him pleasure to have you love Him back! “*Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive Glory and Honour and Power: for Thou hast created all things, and for Thy Pleasure they are and were created.*” God wanted creatures as unique as Himself to love Him for Himself and was willing to be tortured and die at their hands to make it so! God abandoned Himself to Love you!

He left His Father’s Throne above—So free, so infinite His Grace—
Emptied Himself of all but Love, and bled for Adam’s helpless race:
'Tis Mercy all, immense and free, for, O my God, it found out me!
Amazing Love! How can it be, that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me? —Charles Wesley

Unbelief is unrequited Love and will be avenged by a scorned God who laid down His Life for your benefit! Do you really think He will let that scorn go unanswered? Don’t let self usurp the throne of your heart that was created to “*be accepted in the Beloved.*” To know YOU are eternally accepted by God is the ultimate Joy of Life!

“How shall we escape, if we neglect so Great Salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard Him.” Hebrews 2:3 KJV