

iLIFE Together
The Calling to Acceptance
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Key Thought of the Day

Since God is willing to accept _____, we should too.

Key Verses of the Day

Then Peter replied, "I see very clearly that God shows no favoritism. In every nation he accepts those who fear him and do what is right. This is the message of Good News for the people of Israel—that there is peace with God through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all." Acts 10:34-36 NLT

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." Revelation 7:9-10 NIV

These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Revelation 7:14 NIV

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is freely offered to _____!

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8 NIV

Grab This!

God is willing to accept everyone, but not everyone is _____ by God.

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. Romans 3:23-24 NIV

All of us have sinned and fallen short of God's glory. But God treats us much better than we deserve, and because of Christ Jesus, he freely accepts us and sets us free from our sins. Romans 3:23-24 CEV

How To Be Accepted By God

1. We must be _____ from our sins.

God sent Christ to be our sacrifice. Christ offered his life's blood, so that by faith in him we could come to God. And God did this to show that in the past he was right to be patient and forgive sinners. This also shows that God is right when he accepts people who have faith in Jesus. Romans 3:25-26 CEV

2. We must place our _____ in Jesus.
...he accepts people who have faith in Jesus...

3. We are _____ with the Holy Spirit.

God, who knows the heart, showed that he accepted them by giving the Holy Spirit to them, just as he did to us. Acts 15:8 NIV

Reality Check

Since God has accepted me into a relationship with Himself... I ought to be willing to accept my _____ in Christ as well.

Therefore, accept each other just as Christ has accepted you so that God will be given glory. Romans 15:7 NLT

To Accept Each Other Means...

- We celebrate that everyone is made in _____.

Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the truth that comes from him, throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy. Ephesians 4:21-24

And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory. Romans 8:17 NLT

Christians all have the same _____ in our lives — the Holy Spirit!

To Accept Each Other Means...

- We refuse to _____ each other.

Do not judge others, and you will not be judged. For you will be treated as you treat others. The standard you use in judging is the standard by which you will be judged. Matthew 7:1-2 NLT

Grab this!

When I stand before Jesus I want to be extended _____... not judgement... and He expects me to do the same for others.

And why worry about a speck in your friend's eye when you have a log in your own? Matthew 7:3 NLT

To Accept Each Other Means...

- We first look for the _____ in others.

Don't be concerned for your own good but for the good of others. 1 Corinthians 10:24

Christian's Accepting Christians:

1. When we accept our fellow Christians, we are presenting the World the _____ of God.

See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are! But the people who belong to this world don't recognize that we are God's children because they don't know him. 1 John 3:1 NLT

2. When we accept our fellow Christians, we are presenting the World with the correct view of _____.

"Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples." — Jesus, John 13:35 NLT

3. When we accept our fellow Christians, we are presenting the Word with the correct view of a _____.

The Bottom Line

Christians should treat each other with the understanding that we are not perfect...
_____.