

“Rejected or Accepted?”

1 Peter 2:4 - 10

Big Idea – Jesus Christ was totally rejected so that I could be fully accepted!

1. Jesus Christ was rejected – vs. 4, 7

Isa 53:3 He was hated and rejected by people. He had much pain and suffering. People would not even look at him. He was hated, and we didn't even notice him.

4 But he took our suffering on him and felt our pain for us. We saw his suffering and thought God was punishing him.

Why? - for our sins, yours and mine

Isaiah 53:5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.

6 All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the sins of us all.

Matthew 8:14-17 applies Isaiah 53:4 to our Lord's healing ministry and not to His atoning death. Every blessing we have in the Christian life comes because of the Cross, but this verse does not teach that there is "healing in the atonement" and that every believer therefore has the "right" to be healed. The prophecy was fulfilled during our Lord's life, not His death.

1Peter 2:4 You are coming to Christ, who is the living cornerstone of God's temple. He was rejected by people, but he was chosen by God for great honor.

God said Jesus was:

An alive stone

Chosen by God

Precious

Jesus warned those who followed Him would also be hated and rejected

Jn 15:18 “If the world hates you, remember that it hated me first.

19 If you belonged to the world, it would love you as it loves its own. But I have chosen you out of the world, so you don't belong to it. That is why the world hates you.

20 Remember what I told you: A servant is not greater than his master. If people did wrong to me, they will do wrong to you, too. And if they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours, too.

21 They will do all this to you on account of me, because they do not know the One who sent me.

The World hates Jesus, hates Bible Believers, hates the Bible, doesn't know God, hates God!

1 Peter 2:8 And, "He is the stone that makes people stumble, the rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they do not obey God's word, and so they meet the fate that was planned for them.

Verse 9 starts "But you"

2. We who know Him and believe are fully accepted – vs. 9

1Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen people, royal priests, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession. You were chosen to tell about the wonderful acts of God, who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

1Peter 2:10 "Once you had no identity as a people; now you are God's people. Once you received no mercy; now you have received God's mercy."

God calls you Chosen, Holy, Special, People of God!

Why? To Proclaim/tell His praises