

In any moment, of any given day mankind is given the opportunity to experience reject-shun. Do not be concerned that I have misspelled this word. This is a very accurate presentation of this vile attack of the enemy and the corresponding action.

This is not an option of life but the occasion to experience it will come every day. It is one of the devil's main weapons against you and I. It is designed to make us believe that we are not loved, accepted, or valued by any one or anybody, especially God. This by itself is the biggest lie that comes from the pit of hell.

(Matt 12:23) Number two; *we must love our neighbor as ourselves.*

**FIRST TASTE**

Here is where we first face reject-shun and begin to look it right in the face. To love our neighbor this verse says, we must love ourselves. Most of us don't even like ourselves much less love ourselves. This is our first taste of rejection, we reject ourselves. This opens the door for the devil to work through us and everyone else as well. We become grounded in our personal rejection and then others shun us and really do not know why. The devilish process has begun. The key here is

simple. We have not come to the understanding and belief of what God has said about us, who we are, and what we have in Him.

# REJECT-SHUN

**NOTHING SEPARATES**

Please read Romans

8:38,39. Think about this verse! It says that **NOTHING** can separate us from the love of God. **NOTHING!!!** Now from where I come from when it is said that nothing can separate us then it must mean that nothing can separate us. A truth of God is a truth of God. He said what He meant and meant what He said. How long is it going to take us until we find out for ourselves that what God says is true and it is true for us?

We think that the promises of God are for everyone but us. NOT SO! This is the tactic of the devil to get us to believe that we are rejected by everyone, including God. To believe that we will never be a part of, be accepted or loved by anyone. Then because of this, we surmise on our own and come into agreement with rejection. And if rejected we are worthless and no good. If we believe God's Word then we must seriously examine what we believe, especially in this area.

**GOD LOVES US**

First of all God loves each one of us. So if God loves us and He is the only one that counts then we have a strong foundation for keeping reject-shun out of our lives. The trouble comes when we as an individual put more stock in what others (friends, family, teacher, boss, etc.) say than in what God says. Words can do tremendous harm to us if, and I say IF, we take those words to heart. If we let words get into our heart and soul they will rob us of the truth causing wounds and hurts.

There have been many articles and books written on this subject and rightly so, but I would like to present another view. To show us in a way where each of us can see, reject-shun is a major lie and device of the enemy and how it works.

At the very onset of this subject we must establish the truth of God. This must be realized and accepted by every person who calls on the name of the Lord.

**THE TRUTH**

**God has never and will never reject you for any thing any reason or any action on your part. God's love and acceptance is unconditional and has no requirements on our part. Every Christian must accept and receive this truth into you heart, mind and spirit and never allow anything to change or alter it.**

The feeling or emotion we call rejection is a strong force in our lives. The effect of reject-shun in and on our lives is devastating. It can divide families, loved ones, and best friends. It can cause us to isolate ourselves and to stay in a constant state of depression and discouragement. It can cause us to see ourselves as failures, no-good, and never amounting to anything.

Another mainstay we need to grasp is the basis of God's Word. *Number one we must love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength.*

Let's compare words here for a second. If God has the final word of who we are and how we are to view ourselves, we must agree with God and not the words or actions of others. Having surrendered our lives to Him what He says should be the most important saying in our life.

#### **ONLY IF WE ALLOW IT**

Remember the verse, nothing shall separate us from God's love. Then everything we do cannot separate us, what we do not do cannot separate us. What is said about us cannot separate us from God. Only if we allow it to do so by giving it credence and accepting what we hear over what He said. The Bible says in Ephesians 1:1-13 that we are blessed, chosen, predestinated (predetermined destination – heaven), adopted, accepted, redeemed, forgiven, and have obtained. WOW! All this in only thirteen verses and before the foundation of the world.

You know I would be out-to-lunch not to begin to believe according to God's point of view that we are very special people. Yes we are. No more special than any another but, yes very special to God. Is not it time that you and I put aside what we think, what they think and stand strong in what God has said. And once and for all KNOW that we are not to have reject-shun in our lives in any fashion, way or action. We are loved, my brother, my sister. Let us walk in it!

#### **REJECT-SHUN**

All right let's look at the spelling of the word, reject-shun. This presents the underlying aspect of rejection. When you or I walk in or experience rejection, the diabolical plan of the devil begins to happen and we reject the one who rejects us. We SHUN them and many times do not even realize we are doing so. It is a very subtle action. Look at the definition of, shun. *To avoid deliberately; keep away from, to escape.* Whoa, do you see the operation when someone rejects us. Immediately we will begin to avoid them, go out of our way to not come in contact with them. We do it on purpose because we do not want to feel the sting of rejection again. Now maybe we don't do this in every case but when hit be put up our walls of protection so we are not hurt again. We tend to become like the tortoise who has retreated into his shell. This is where the devil gets a foothold; we protect our flesh (feelings) more than our spirit man.

#### **DECEPTIVE PRACTICE**

This destructive tool of the devil is designed to make us feel worthless, when that is so far from the truth of God it is ridiculous. So many times the people we avoid never rejected us in the first place but because of the deceptive practice of the devil we perceived it as rejection. Then our reaction under the influenced of rejection is to shun, or put another way, we reject them. And the devil has won another round. But praise God in Him we have won the war.

#### **KNOWING THAT WE KNOW**

How do we overcome this attack of reject-shun? It is simple but at times very hard to walk out. Make the decision if we are loved and accepted by God then we will not allow reject-shun to effect us or God's plan in our lives. Knowing this truth that we have the power to stop this action of the devil, right in his tracks is a big step to victory. If we take God at His Word and will renew our minds with the Word which says, **we are not rejected**, then we can walk all over the devil every time he tries to effect us with his evil.

Upon making the decision to believe God we find reject-shun has no more effect on us. No longer being rejected we find no need to protect ourselves and we also stop rejecting others. Reject-shun has stopped from outside and it also stops from inside. The truth gets big in us.

#### **TOTAL VICTORY**

Hallelujah! What a wonderful feeling. Yes, I said feeling. God certainly wants us to have good feelings. But we do not operate or base our victory in our feeling and emotions. His Word on every subject is the final Word, the final authority and all we need to hear. When God speaks the subject is closed to further discussion. We walk in total victory, free from reject-shun by standing strong in what God has said about us. Walking and talking love and acceptance, not rejection.

The peace we will experience when we have decided not to walk in the falseness of the devil's lies will overwhelm us. That brothers and sisters was God's plan all along.

Praise Him right now that as of this moment you know the truth about rejection and you have made your decision and from this day forward you will never be rejected and you will never shun ever again. Amen!