

# Acceptance

## Chapter 19A

One of the major attitudes that I had to overcome was acceptance. It is really hard to accept the will of another, yet accepting one of someone you do not see, hear, touch, feel or smell. It is hard to accept the Will of God, because it can only be accepted on faith. I read only one book by C.S. Lewis, and that was called Hinds feet on High Places. A Hind is a mountain animal. And all I really remember was that this animal was always running away from his maker, because the maker wanted its heart, and the Hind was afraid to loose his heart. So the Hind want to great lengths to hide and get away from the maker, to where it was finally stuck, and it had only 2 choices, death or trust the maker to takes its heart and give it an better one. So the Hind finally trusted the Maker and accepted the Makers will. So the Maker did replace the Hinds heart with a better stronger one.

That is how I finally realized that accepting the Lord's will in my life would make me stronger and better. So I stopped struggling and fighting the Lord and accepted His will for me, and if that meant replacing my heart with one from Him, then that would be all right with me.

Once did accept His will for me, He filled me with a peace that just made it like I was living in heaven. He gave me heaven on earth. In order to receive the gift of peace, I had to accept the Lord's will in my life, to accept following Him, accept His commands as if they were mine, to accept His way of living. I had to accept the path that He has laid down for me. Then the peace that surpasses understanding filled my heart. All worry was gone, all fear was gone, all frustration and other evil spirit feelings were gone.

MT 11:27 "All things have been committed to Me by My Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal Him.

MT 11:28 "Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. [29] Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. [30] For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

This requires to parts, to give your burden to God, and for you do take His burden. But how do you take His burden? Accepting His will, by accepting His gift, and then accepting His teaching, does it. His yoke is for us to learn His teaching, and to obey His commands, which is His way of living. The yoke is to live like Jesus. Live in His peace, His love, and His joy.

If living free of evil is God's yoke, then I will gladly, freely, and willfully live His way.

## 19.1 Definition

**ac·cep·tance**   **Pronunciation Key** (ăk-sĕp'təns)

*n.*

1. The act or process of accepting.
2. The state of being accepted or acceptable.
3. Favorable reception; approval.
4. Belief in something; agreement.
5. *Abbr.* **acpt.**
  - a. A formal indication by a debtor of willingness to pay a time draft or bill of exchange.
  - b. A written instrument so accepted.
6. *Law.* Compliance by one party with the terms and conditions of another's offer so that a contract becomes legally binding between them.

## Acceptance

Noun 1: the mental attitude that something is believable and should be accepted as true; "he gave credence to the gossip"; "acceptance of Newtonian mechanics was unquestioned for 200 years"

[syn: credence] 2: the act of accepting with approval; favorable reception; "its adoption by society"; "the proposal found wide acceptance"

[syn: adoption, acceptation, espousal] 3: the state of being acceptable and accepted; "torn jeans received no acceptance at the country club"

[ant: rejection] 4: (contract law) words signifying consent to the terms of an offer (thereby creating a contract) 5: banking: a time draft drawn on and accepted by a bank

[syn: banker's acceptance] 6: a disposition to tolerate or accept people or situations; "all people should practice toleration and live together in peace"

[syn: toleration, sufferance] 7: the act of taking something that is offered; "her acceptance of the gift encouraged him"; "he anticipated their acceptance of his offer"

As you can see by the definition of this word the importance of it. God lives by this. You cannot receive His precious gift, if you do not accept it. You cannot receive His most valuable gift if you do not accept what the gift is. To accept the gift means that, one, you believe in the gift, you believe in the One giving you that gift and finally you receive that gift.

But to accept that gift also means that you now have a contract with God, a covenant with Him. Accepting that gift means that you believe in the purpose of that gift, eternal life, becoming a child of God, and to live by the conditions of that gift.

It means that you accept that God is our Father and Lord of all. It means that you are willing to abide by the laws of the Kingdom of God.

MT 19:10 "The disciples said to him, "If this is the situation between a husband and wife, it is better not to marry."

MT 19:11 "Jesus replied, "Not everyone can **accept** this word, but only those to whom it has been given. [12] For some are eunuchs because they were born that way; others were made that way by men; and others have renounced marriage because of the kingdom of heaven. The one who can accept this should accept it."

MK 4:13 "Then Jesus said to them, "Don't you understand this parable? How then will you understand any parable? [14] The farmer sows the word. [15] Some people are like seed along the path, where the word is sown. As soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in them. [16] Others, like seed sown on rocky places, hear the word and at once receive it with joy. [17] But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. [18] Still others, like seed sown among thorns, hear the word; [19] but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful. [20] Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop--thirty, sixty or even a hundred times what was sown."

JN 12:44 "Then Jesus cried out, "When a man believes in me, he does not believe in Me only, but in the One who sent Me. [45] When he looks at Me, he sees the one who sent Me. [46] I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in Me should stay in darkness.

JN 12:47 "As for the person who hears My words but does not keep them, I do not judge him. For I did not come to judge the world, but to save it. [48] There is a judge for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; that very word which I spoke will condemn him at the last day. [49] For I did not speak of my own accord, but the Father who sent me commanded me what to say and how to say it. [50] I know that his command leads to eternal life. So whatever I say is just what the Father has told me to say."

JN 14:15 "If you love me, you will obey what I command. [16] And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be

with you forever-- [17] the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. [18] I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. [19] Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. [20] On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. [21] Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him."

## 19.2 Sympathy vs. Compassion

Acceptance is not living in sympathy. Sympathy kills; it does not really help. Compassion helps.

Simply put, sympathy is where you give a person in poverty a fish and leave; whereas, compassion is where a person takes time to teach that person in poverty how to fish, and provide the tools necessary to do it.

Lets look at their definitions.

**sym·pa·thy**   **Pronunciation Key** (sĭm'pə-thē)  
*n. pl. sym·pa·thies*

1.
  - a. A relationship or an affinity between people or things in which whatever affects one correspondingly affects the other.
  - b. Mutual understanding or affection arising from this relationship or affinity.
2.
  - a. The act or power of sharing the **feelings** of another.
  - b. A **feeling** or an expression of pity or sorrow for the distress of another; compassion or commiseration. Often used in the plural. See Synonyms at pity.
3. Harmonious agreement; accord: He is in sympathy with their beliefs.
4. A **feeling** of loyalty; allegiance. Often used in the plural: His sympathies lie with his family.
5. *Physiology*. A relation between parts or organs by which a disease or disorder in one induces an effect in the other.

Latin *sympathĭa*, from Greek *sumpatheia*, from *sumpathē̄s*, *affected by like feelings* : sun-, *syn-* + *pathos*, *emotion*; see *kʷent(h)-* in Indo-European Roots.]

**sym·pa·thy** (sĭm'pə-thē)  
*n.*

1. A relation between parts or organs by which a disease or disorder in one induces an effect in the other.
2. Mental contagion, as in yawning induced by seeing another person yawn.
3. Mutual understanding or affection arising from a relationship or an affinity, in which whatever affects one correspondingly affects the other.

**Main Entry: sym·pa·thy**

Pronunciation: 'sim-p&-thE

Function: *noun*

Inflected Form: *plural -thies*

**1 a** : an affinity, association, or relationship between persons or things wherein whatever affects one similarly affects the other **b** : mutual or parallel susceptibility or a condition brought about by it

**2 a** : the act or capacity of entering into or sharing the **feelings** or interests of another **b** : the **feeling** or mental state brought about by such sensitivity

**sympathy**

n 1: an inclination to support or be loyal to or to agree with an opinion; "his sympathies were always with the underdog"; "I knew I could count on his understanding" [syn: understanding] 2: sharing the **feelings** of others (especially feelings of sorrow or anguish) [syn: fellow feeling] 3: a relation of affinity or harmony between people; whatever affects one correspondingly affects the other; "the two of them were in close sympathy"

As you can see, most sympathy is caused by sharing feelings. The feelings of one is then drawn in by the other. Do you really want someone else's feeling in you? Remember feelings are spirits, if the feelings they are sharing with you are caused by evil spirits, then you are allowing their evil spirit to come into you and so it will now be able to control you.

And if you allow or accept this evil feeling to live in you, then eventually you will die, because God will not live where evil lives, and if evil lives in your heart, then God will not. He will leave, unless you repent from this evil act.

So sympathy can kill you and everyone around that person who is drawing sympathy.

Now lets look at compassion.

**com·pas·sion**   **Pronunciation Key** (kəm-pāsh'ən)

n.

Deep awareness of the suffering of another coupled with the wish to relieve it. See Synonyms at pity.

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[Middle English *compassioun*, from Late Latin *compassiō*, *compassiōn-*, from *compassus*, past participle of *compatī*, *to sympathize* : Latin *com-*, *com-* + Latin *patī*, *to suffer*; see *pē(i)-* in Indo-European Roots.]

## compassion

n 1: a deep awareness of and sympathy for another's suffering [syn: compassionateness] 2: the humane quality of understanding the suffering of others and wanting to do something about it [syn: pity].

Now lets see what God says about being compassionate.

EX 33:18 “Then Moses said, "Now show me your glory.””

EX 33:19 “And the LORD said, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have **compassion** on whom I will have **compassion**. [20] But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live.””

DT 13:12 “If you hear it said about one of the towns the LORD your God is giving you to live in [13] that wicked men have arisen among you and have led the people of their town astray, saying, "Let us go and worship other gods" (gods you have not known), [14] then you must inquire, probe and investigate it thoroughly. And if it is true and it has been proved that this detestable thing has been done among you, [15] you must certainly put to the sword all who live in that town. Destroy it completely, both its people and its livestock. [16] Gather all the plunder of the town into the middle of the public square and completely burn the town and all its plunder as a whole burnt offering to the LORD your God. It is to remain a ruin forever, never to be rebuilt. [17] None of those condemned things shall be found in your hands, so that the LORD will turn from His fierce anger; He will show you mercy, have **compassion** on you, and increase your numbers, as He promised on oath to your forefathers, [18] because you obey the LORD your God, keeping all His commands that I am giving you today and doing what is right in his eyes.””

Believe it or not, evil spirits can attach themselves onto inanimate objects. So even though the Jews destroyed all of the evil people, the remnants of evil can still be there in the animals and the plunder. The purpose of all of this destruction was to remove all remnants of evil in that city, so that the Jews could live a pure and holy life with God, like Adam and Eve did before they sinned. And so accepting this from God, they accepted His blessings and prosperity by being obedient to God.

DT 30:1 “When all these blessings and curses I have set before you come upon you and you take them to heart wherever the LORD your God disperses you among the nations, [2] and when you and your children return to the LORD your God and obey Him with all your heart and with all your soul according to everything I command you today, [3] then the LORD your God will restore your fortunes and have **compassion** on you and gather you again from all the nations where he scattered you. [4] Even if you have been banished to the most distant land under the heavens, from there the LORD your God will gather you and bring you back. [5] He will bring you to the land that belonged to your fathers, and you will take possession of it. He will make you more prosperous and numerous than your fathers. [6] The LORD your God will circumcise your hearts and the hearts of your descendants, so that you may love Him with all your heart and with all your soul, and live. [7] The LORD your God will put all these curses on your enemies who hate and persecute you. [8] You will again obey the LORD and follow all His commands I am giving you today. [9] Then the LORD your God will make you most prosperous in all the work of your hands and in the fruit of your womb, the young of your livestock and the crops of your land. The LORD will again delight in you and make you prosperous, just as he delighted in your fathers, [10] if you obey the LORD your God and keep His commands and decrees that are written in this Book of the Law and turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.”

MT 9:35 “Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. [36] When He saw the crowds, He had **compassion** on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. [37] Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. [38] Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field.””

MT 20:34 “Jesus had **compassion** on them and touched their eyes. Immediately they received their sight and followed Him.”

MK 1:40 “A man with leprosy came to Him and begged Him on his knees, “If you are willing, You can make me clean.”

MK 1:41 “Filled with **compassion**, Jesus reached out His hand and touched the man. “**I am willing**,” He said. “Be clean!” [42] Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cured.”

He did not have sympathetic feelings; He became filled with compassion, the desire to help them, not the desire to feel their pain and curse. Sympathy would have filled Jesus with their curse and pain feelings—evil spirits--, instead He was filled with the power and authority of God to heal them.

2CO 1:3 “Praise be to **the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion** and the God of all comfort, [4] who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. [5] For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows. [6] If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer. [7] And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort.”

COL 3:12 “Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with **compassion**, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. [13] Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. [14] And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.”

JAS 5:10 “Brothers, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. [11] As you know, we consider blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of **compassion** and mercy.”

So as you can see, God is the father of Compassion, and not sympathy. Even though He does want us to live in His Holy Spirit, being sympathetic is not the spirit by which He wants to live, because once you start down the wrong path, even for a good reason, it will eventually draw you down the wrong life.

God is full of compassion, He sees our suffering, and He sees our hardships, but He does not help out of sympathy, but out of compassion for His children. Compassion requires that you think about what is happening, and to understand why it is happening and that you do what is the best in the long run for them. Sympathy does not; it just reacts and opens the windows to the evil spirit that is causing the problems, regardless as to what the long-term consequences might be.

Do you remember about how chicks are born? They must struggle to get out of their shell, and if anyone helps them do it, they will die. Because they must struggle, to get strong, they must work and fight to get out of their shell, so that they might live. Helping them is a death sentence. So sympathy kills again. Compassion requires the need to know why it is happening. And a compassionate person will not help the chicks break the shell, but they would act in a way that would support the chick, like keeping it warm and safe until it breaks the shell, but a compassionate person understands that the struggle is necessary.



## Acceptance Pt. 1

Everywhere I read in the bible for sympathy, it is always regarding man not God. It only talks about man being sympathetic: for this is the tricky way for the devil to control people and cause lots of trouble.

This Chapter is continued in Part 2.

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