

# What We Accept Governs!

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**What we accept governs our life.** Our heart determines what we get in this life especially in regards to God's Word. In other words God's grace means that we don't get what we deserve **we get what we believe!**

**Proverbs 23:7** For as he thinks in his heart, **so is he.**"  
and

**Pr 27:19** As in water face **reflects** face, So a man's heart ***reveals*** the man."

and

**Pr 4:23** Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it ***spring*** the **issues of life.**

Verses like these teach us how we operate, how our human being existence works...**what we accept about ourselves that determines** our future, our potentials and realities. Fear greatly inhibits our freedom to operate. Insecurity causes great mistakes in function and decision making. God has delivered us out of darkness into the kingdom of His dear son (Col. 1:13). This means that we are not supposed to operate as mere fallen men who are hindered by the lusts of this world, distracted by riches, deceived by the foolishness of this life...we are **not** supposed to remain ignorant, stubborn, defiant, rebellious, and self centered staying in our pride and continuing to be blinded...living in sin. We are supposed to be supernatural beings because we belong to a different kingdom.

We've been given a new born again life (I Cor. 5:17), we are not supposed to continue in the mire of sinfulness, self delusion, self deception, fearful, weak in spirit, self condemning, self limiting, but receive and ACCEPT what God has made us as a faith fact (Rom. 6:14).

Consider this verse:

**1Co 13:12 For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.**

Paul the apostle is saying that our vision in this life is dimmed. We do not see ourselves as we should, but we can press into it, study to discover what we are, be intentional to overcome our weaknesses through God's grace in Christ...Yet, we see in a mirror dimly, this may explain why we don't see perfect results as Jesus did because He didn't have a dimmed vision marred by pride and self centeredness, He didn't have to overcome sin...even so, we have **great grace** to overcome our condition, we see how a man although dimmed in vision displays great power in the Spirit. Paul the apostle was not a man with less sin nature than anyone else, he still sinned, he still failed, but he overcame through faith in what God has done in him. We may see dimly due to our natural man; but our spirit man sees clearly—we can live by faith which is spiritual sight!

There is a war within us raging and **the one we accept the most, or most often is the one that governs.** We have our old nature raging warring against the new nature within...

**Ga 5:17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.**

The second half of this passage says but when I am crossed over and my sin nature is put down, I will see face to face...I will have clear vision and when I do **“I shall know just as I also am known.”** I have never understood this passage very well but after the last few weeks and speaking about acknowledging and grasping and realizing we don't need to receive again but accept and embrace what God has done (Phil. 1:6)...I get it. I shall know then because *I'll see clearly* not being hindered by pride, sin, and self centeredness...and what is it that I will see? What is it that I will know? I will know what God knows and as God sees it as done...I will see as I am known by God already now in my spirit being!

**What we accept governs our heart**, and directs and empowers or hinders our faith. **What we see in Christ is in us**; But we must embrace this...we are transformed in our hearts and what comes to pass in this life, **is determined by what we believe!**

2Co 3:18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, **are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.**

**What we accept as done and begin to act on changes what we experience in this life.** What we experience now is what we've been accepting. We need to recognize what we've been accepting about ourselves! **We've been given the faith of Christ:**

Gal. 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ lives in me: **and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God**, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Gal. 5: 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, **faith**,

Col 1:27 To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: **which is Christ in you**, the hope of glory.

I don't have a faith problem because I accept the faith of Christ living in me is more than sufficient for every need...His grace is sufficient...**I have an acknowledgment problem; I have an acceptance problem** (See Booklet: We Have Received; we need to acknowledge it!).

When I was in High school I was plagued with insecurity, a lack of confidence, and needed large dosages of praise to overcome it...my dad would pump into me in order to get me to see myself as he saw me, as my coaches saw me...it was a difficult time. We didn't use the word of God but rather the words of men, and the process was weak and slow. He used to tell me to act more confident, to act as if I owned the field, as if I were the boss...all of it was difficult because deep in my heart I couldn't embrace or accept it because not all of my questions were answered.

In time though **I crossed over** and many of the attitudes came into me and by the time I finished football at my school I was king...**but it wasn't until I accepted it.**

How many stories is there that reflect this principle...the slaves after the civil war were free but how many of them actually accepted it? How many were kept as second class citizens by others who didn't want them to accept it?

**If we are struggling for the power of God's grace we have an acceptance problem.** We are not seeing ourselves as God sees us. **It isn't up to God it is up to us—He already decided** (II Pet. 1:3). We see with vision that is dimmed, yet God's grace is greater still...and we've seen awesome things by those who bravely chose to act upon His word. At the same time, we can't stay in a weak position of disregarding our authority to accept or reject the things in our life! We can't expect faith so disarmed to continue to win and manifest...we need to grow up in our faith, to become skillful...As James teaches:

Jas 1:23 For if anyone is a **hearer of the word and not a doer**, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror;

**The Word describes who we are, not what we can become if we try hard enough...**The atonement isn't something we beg God to accomplish in us **but accept it as done!**

John 1:12 **"But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become** children of God, to those who believe in His name:

This verse tells us that we have the authority to operate as the sons of God in this world; however, we have been missing it having been deceived into believing that this is speaking about heaven. Consider it in relationship to:

Rom. 5: 17 For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which **receive abundance of grace** and of the gift of righteousness **shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)**

It is like the fleas that were put in glass with a lid on it. They kept jumping and hitting the lid until they jumped only as high as the lid...when the lid was removed they could have jumped out but they **were conditioned** and only jumped as high as the lid even when it wasn't there...Satan has conditioned us too through the world, through Church traditions and teachings...

Our flesh tells us one thing, it hears and receives what the world says, it embraces only what the experts of this world teach (II Cor. 2:14)...it jumps only so far...**but we've been given a new spirit**, we are a new creation, we are **not mere men** any more, we are sons of the kingdom and we are to jump out of the **glass containment of sin to operate in God's kingdom while here on the earth.**

We have often told others that when it comes to the Word of God or the word of men, **we'll believe what the Word says**...but what is it that we actually accept? How many times have we accepted what the world says, what the scientist, news, or doctors say that is contrary to what God has done in us?

**Jesus told the blind man be it done according to your faith!**

Matt. 9: 27 When Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, "Son of David, have mercy on us!"

28 And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, "**Do you believe that I am able to do this?**" They said to Him, "**Yes, Lord.**"

29 Then He touched their eyes, saying, "**According to your faith let it be to you.**"

30 And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, "See *that* no one knows it."

31 But when they had departed, they spread the news about Him in all that country.

**Jesus is saying to all of us "according to your faith you let it be to you!" According to what you will accept, you let it be done for you."**

**When symptoms come upon you such as a cold, flu, or infection, what do we accept? It is like someone delivering a package, did you know you can refuse the package?**

We've been studying the war we are fighting...the spiritual war we are in...and our ability to wage that war **depends on our effort, our commitment, our skills, our confidence, our understanding, all from a position of what we accept!**

**The curse is in the earth.** The curse is not the power of Satan it is the power of the law. God's laws or judgments are in the earth. They are 24/7 operating. While we are operating in the flesh, the carnal Christian experience, as mere men, walking naturally, **we are under the law and under the curse.** We are accepting this position by default; however, if we will accept our new position as born again sons of God, translated by God's will, having had it done for us through faith in Christ, we are no longer under the law **but under grace—this is a faith fact.**

Ro 6:14 For sin shall not have dominion over you, **for you are not under law but under grace.**

This means we do not have to accept what is contrary to God's will and word in our life. We have the authority of the name of Jesus, the power of the Spirit; the initiative of heaven itself has provided us this choice.

**This war of acceptance, acknowledgment and embracing this truth is a spiritual mindset...it is something we decide to do and we will win as we abide in it.**

**Recently I've heart two different outcomes** on very similar circumstances...in both cases it had to do with a pregnancy. The first couple, had heard, embraced, and began to study and meditate on God's grace and faith in healing, the power of God, and what God has done in us. The second couple had not heard of it until later; yet their acceptance of it was mixed, resistant, not fully persuaded. Both had gotten bad reports from their doctors. Both were told they needed to abort their babies. Both were upset, and both went to prayer. They sought God and asked others to pray. The first however, didn't accept what the doctor's report said. They were not denying the doctor's expertise, or the evidences in this realm that led the doctor to give the report. **What they were doing was appealing to a High report**, a higher source, and jumping on *that* band wagon instead of the one from the world. The second couple prayed, reached out to others to pray for healing, but the doctor's reports overwhelmed them, they were embracing and accepting the doctor's reports as greater in value...they didn't understand **that their authority and results depends vitally upon whose report**

**they believe**, whose report they stand on, that from their heart determines the outcome and governs in the situation. The first couple held onto God's word and abided in it. Every day they spoke God's word to their baby, they demanded God's power to restore the heart condition, **to change the natural facts into God's facts**...in their prayer time they received peace, and they embraced peace, and accepted the peace as God's answer and then heard in their heart these words: "Watch me work." Their baby's heart had been badly formed it was missing half of it, and large veins were missing. After prayer, after days of standing in peace, the doctors re-examined the baby because its appearance went from whitest gray to warm flesh tones...it stopped struggling to being restful and normal...after the examination they discovered the heart was normal, the other half appeared, the veins were in place. The doctor's had no explanation but held the baby for observation for several more days. Then, as they had believed, their baby was sent home—healed. Now their daughter is three years old and normal. The other couple lost their baby.

God plays no favorites, He show no personal favoritism, **what He's done for one He's done for all...if we accept it!** The first couple wasn't special **however they treated the Word of God as special** honoring it above **all** things...they were taught grace and faith in healing, God's authority that was given to them, and they stood on it...by grace...it saved their baby's life.

The second couple are loved just as much, God wanted to save their baby just as much, but He was hindered by what they didn't accept about His word, His word had been overridden by what the world's reports had brought...God cannot override His word...Jesus said it, **"according to your faith let it be to you."** It is

according to what we accept, what we honor, what we embrace... (Or what we don't accept, what we don't honor, or don't embrace...)"

**What we accept governs what happens in our life period.**

We get what we believe! If we are not getting the results that Jesus and the apostles said we'd get then we are not accepting what God has done...something is hindering it, our hearts are mixed, unbelief reigns, doubts rule, we are not manifesting the power and authority Christ gave us...**our lack of focused authority leaves us open to life as a *roll of the dice*—chance things happening. We are still accepting our life like mere men do.**

We need to get honest, be broken, humble ourselves, and **let the Spirit show us what we are accepting that agrees or disagrees with God's word...**

When we stand before the Lord our life will be rewarded according to our faith...faith comes by hearing, embracing, honoring, empowering, and accepting the **Word as the most important truth in our life.** Our life right now reflects what we honor, what we trust, and what we depend upon...we can change this by allowing the Holy Spirit to address the fiery darts of the wicked ones, and by applying ourselves to make His Word final (See the Booklet: "Fiery Darts").

We get what **we believe** according to these scriptures:

Joh 7:38 "**He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.**"

Joh 14:12 "Most assuredly, I say to you, **he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also**; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

1Jo 5:5 Who is **he who overcomes the world, but he who believes** that Jesus is the Son of God?

Mr 9:23 Jesus said to him, "**If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes**."

Mr 11:23 "For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, **but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says**.

Mr 16:17 "**And these signs will follow those who believe**: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues;

***Special Note:* If we are not getting what we believe according as the scriptures testify, as Jesus Himself has said it, then who is right?** If I claim to believe but my results are not forthcoming should everyone embrace my experience over what scripture testifies to? This is an important issue: We get what we believe! We are getting what we believe right now! If the scriptures tell us that "He who believes" gets certain results but my results are different who's right? Maybe I'm not believing in the way scripture says someone who believes, believes???