

**MENTAL HEALTH VACCINATIONS – PART IIV**  
**“The Vaccine of God’s Acceptance”**

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God designed us to receive and give love, but quite often, because of human sinfulness, we are the recipients of rejection and disapproval. When that happens to us there can be an emotional scarring that takes place. People grow up with a wounded soul that needs the healing salve of God’s love. This morning’s teaching will help us understand how we can experience healing from the dreaded virus of rejection through a vaccination of God’s healing love.

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**#1. THE MENTAL VIRUS OF REJECTION BEGAN WITH THE FALL OF MAN**

- A. God banished them from the garden, 3:23
- B. There is a hole in the heart that can only be filled by God
- C. People search for ways to fill their empty heart

**#2. THE MENTAL VIRUS OF REJECTION HAS MANY SYMPTOMS**

- A. Rejection stimulates the same pathways as physical pain
- B. Rejection can make us feel inadequate and unlovable.
- C. Rejection can lead to depression
- D. Rejection can lead to substance abuse
- E. Rejection can cause people to be distant
- F. Rejection can lead to perfectionism
- G. Rejection can cause people to approval addicts
- H. Rejection can lead to codependent behavior

**#3. THE MENTAL VIRUS OF REJECTION CAN BE HEALED BY JESUS’ IDENTIFICATION WITH SUFFERING**

- A. Jesus suffered throughout his entire life
- B. Jesus understands rejection, Heb 4:16
- C. Jesus suffered rejection on multiple levels:
  - 1. The people he created rejected him, John 1:11-13
  - 2. The Sanhedrin rejected Jesus, Mat 26:65-67
  - 3. Herod rejected Jesus, Luke 23:11-12
  - 4. The Jewish nation rejected Jesus, Luke 23:18-23
  - 5. The crowds rejected Jesus, John 6:66
  - 6. The Romans rejected Jesus, Luke 23:24-25
  - 7. The disciples deserted Jesus, Mat 26:31 (Zech 13:7)
  - 8. Peter denied Jesus 3 times, John 18:26
  - 9. His family abandoned Jesus, Mark 6:4
  - 10. The thief next to him rejected him, Luke 23:39
  - 11. The crowd mocked him, Luke 23:35
  - 12. God abandoned Jesus, Mat 27:46

**#4. THE MENTAL VIRUS OF REJECTION CAN BE HEALED THROUGH THE GOSPEL, Luke 4:16-20**

- A. The mission of Jesus is to make people whole, Isa 61:1
- B. The mission of the church is continuous with Jesus’ mission, Acts 1:1-2
- C. There is provision in the atonement for physical & emotional healing, Isa 53
- D. The Holy Spirit can bring healing to a wounded soul

**#5. ACTION STEPS TO GOD’S-ACCEPTANCE INNOCULATION**

- A. Don’t believe the lies of Satan, John 10:10, 8:44
- B. God pours his love into our hearts, Rom 5:1
- C. God becomes our heavenly Father, Rom 8:14-17
- D. God adopts us into his family, Rom 8:14-17
- E. Jesus is a brother to us, Heb 2:12, 17
- F. The Holy Spirit lives in us, Rom 8:9
- G. God brings us into a place of fellowship, 1 John 1:3

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- #1. Why can rejection inflict such damaging emotional wounds to people?
- #2. Discuss the consequences of rejection?
- #3. What is your experience with rejection?
- #4. What do you think it was like for Adam and Eve when they felt rejection?
- #5. In what way(s) does Satan work to promote feelings of rejection?
- #6. Discuss the various ways that Jesus experienced rejection.
- #7. How is Hebrews 4:16f relevant to this passage?
- #8. Do you feel that the triune God can bring healing to a person's emotions?
- #9. How is emotional healing related to our sanctification?
- #10. In what way(s) does God accept us when we place our trust in Christ?
- #11. What is your takeaway from this teaching?

# ***Welcome*** *to* ***Hillcrest Church!***

***GIVING GOD OUR BEST – 2021!***

***He has sent me to bind up the  
brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom  
for the captives***

*Isaiah 61:1*

***July 11, 2021***


***Pastor Bruce Guckelberg, PhD***

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **SPECIAL OFFERING**

This morning we are taking a special offering for the children's play area. This is above your normal giving. Hillcrest Church values our ministry to children. Thank you for your financial support of Hillcrest Church.

### **JOIN US ONLINE FOR**

Tuesday Bible study at 6:30, Wednesday study & Prayer at 6:30.  Click the "online meeting room" link on the home page of the website [Hillcrestroseville.com](http://Hillcrestroseville.com)

### **UPDATING THE HILLCREST DIRECTORY**

Please leave your contact information with us so we can include you in the church directory. Check your information at the table by the entrance of the sanctuary.

### **JULY 10<sup>TH</sup> PARKING LOT SALE & CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT**

Thank you for your participation in this effort. It was a successful endeavor.

### **JULY 18<sup>th</sup> VISION MEETING**

After the Sunday service

### **AUGUST 7**

Is the next outreach event. Details are forthcoming