

Reject rejection of Jesus Christ

I doubt anyone enjoys rejection. Yet people often reject others; it comes naturally and often for no good reason. Incredibly, a person's subconscious bias can easily reject another, and sometimes without any deliberate thought process. Similarly, humanity displays the same innate rejection towards God, requiring no real effort or training. Rejection of God is in the heart of everyone from birth.



This is seen in Jesus, who *"came to his own, and his own people did not receive him"* (John 1:11). However, the beauty of God's grace is that *"all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God"* (John 1:12).

Obviously, acceptance is the opposite of rejection. And accepting Jesus takes a deliberate act of the will, exercising belief in the gospel of Jesus Christ (Eph 1:13).

Synchronisation of God and man

Speaking to a large crowd by the lake of Capernaum, Jesus said; *"you have seen me and yet do not believe. All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out"* (John 6:36-37). **Following are a few observations:**

- Seeing and understanding who Jesus is does not make you a believing Christian. Intellectual acknowledgement of

Jesus does not equal spiritual rebirth or salvation with adoption into God's family.

- It's God the Father who gives unbelievers to Jesus. Each and every one of those given to Jesus end up coming to Jesus in true belief. God provides everything needed to transition a disbeliever to be a willing believer in the Lord Jesus.
- Everyone who comes to Jesus need never fear rejection, because Jesus never sends them away. Despite the circumstances of life, Jesus never rejects or pushes a believer away. You are absolutely secure in this God appointed relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Unlike mankind, God never changes (Mal 3:6). On the other hand, people continuously change, including their view of God. Through all of life's changes and irregularities, Jesus Christ consistently remains faithful, and unwavering in His commitment to the relationship established with the believer by His Heavenly Father (2Ti 2:13).

Christmas rejection reality

With the Christmas season upon us once more, it's far too easy to celebrate everything other than Jesus Christ. This too is an area of rejection. Some ignore Jesus at Christmas out of ignorance or simple unbelief. While others ignore Him out of an attitude of religious legalism. Either way, rejection that God *"has spoken to us by his Son..."* (Hebrews 1:2) has taken place. Jesus came to humanity as *"the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known"* (John 1:18 TNIV).

Christmas is a wonderful time for Christians. Apart from the joy of celebration, believers recognise they *"are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us"* (2 Corinthians 5:20). Therefore, I encourage you to seize this annual opportunity to invite others into the joy and wonder of Jesus being the real reason for Christmas. Expose others to the

peace and security offered by Jesus Christ who entered humanity as the child of a virgin birth.

If you're aware of the inner voice of conviction, don't drown it out with the white noises of life and the many other voices of disbelief that surround you. Christmas belief is not a contest of ideas, it's not a debate over philosophy; it's a surrender of the will to the forgiving power of Jesus as Lord of your life.

In light of the above, I encourage you to reject rejection of Jesus Christ. Receive Him, believe in Him, and experience the life changing power of God through His Son Jesus Christ.

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