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Sunday, May 31, 2015

**“GOOD NEWS – GOD’S GRACE”**

(Lamentations 5:21)

Where do you stand today in relationship to God through Christ? Would you describe it as hot, warm, or cold? Your relationship to Jesus Christ is like any other relationship. It has to be maintained. What does that process look like over time?

*“There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus” (Romans 8:1, ESV).*

*“I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life” (1 John 5:13, ESV).*

**WHY DOESN'T GOD REJECT BELIEVERS WHEN WE SIN?**

**1. Because His love is \_\_\_\_\_.**

*“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end” (Lamentations 3:22, ESV).*

**2. Because my salvation isn't based on \_\_\_\_\_.**

*“He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy” (Titus 3:5, ESV).*

**3. Because Jesus has already taken \_\_\_\_\_.**

*“It is finished” (John 19:30, ESV).*

**4. Because Jesus understands my \_\_\_\_\_.**

*“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin” (Hebrews 4:15, ESV).*

**5. Because God doesn’t \_\_\_\_\_.**

*“‘My wayward children,’ says the Lord, ‘come back to me, and I will heal your wayward hearts’” (Jeremiah 3:22, NLT).*

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**WHY DOESN’T GOD REJECT BELIEVERS WHEN WE SIN?**

**1. Because His love is unconditional.**

*“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end” (Lamentations 3:22, ESV).*

**2. Because my salvation isn’t based on my performance.**

*“So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy” (Romans 9:16, ESV).*

*“He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy” (Titus 3:5, ESV).*

### **3. Because Jesus has already taken my punishment.**

*“The wages for sin is death...” (Romans 6:23, ESV).*

*“It is finished” (John 19:30, ESV).*

### **4. Because Jesus understands my human weaknesses.**

*“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin” (Hebrews 4:15, ESV).*

### **5. Because God doesn’t hold on to grudges.**

*“God will not constantly accuse us, nor remain angry forever. He has not punished us for all our sins, nor does He deal with us as we deserve. He is like a father to His children, tender and compassionate to those who fear Him” (Psalm 103, NLT).*

*“‘My wayward children,’ says the Lord, ‘come back to me, and I will heal your wayward hearts’” (Jeremiah 3:22, NLT).*

*“If you return, I will restore you” (Jeremiah 15:19, ESV).*