

Stronger Together - The Power to Accept -

Review: Power to Wait, Power to Witness, Power to Share, Power to Heal, Power to Save, Power to be Bold, Power to Overcome, Power to Serve, Power to Die, Power to Change, Power of Grace, Power to Accept

1. Because of what Christ has done, acceptance is the position of God towards humanity, and it's His power at work in our hearts. Acceptance is the gospel in action. *Romans 15:7; Acts 10:1-8; Acts 10:9-29; Acts 10:30-36; John 3:16-17; Romans 5:1-2; Romans 5:10-11*

2. Acceptance is unconditional in that it is available to every person, however it is conditional upon my willingness to repent of sin, receive Christ's provision for my sin, and in humility embrace the life of doing what is right. *Acts 2:38-39; John 1:14; John 5:14; John 8:4-11; James 1:21-22a*

3. God's power to accept results in hearts changed and lives lived to the praise of God, and His grace given to all who will repent and receive. *Acts 10:44-48; Acts 11:18*

Next Week's Reading Guide:

Psalm 139:13-18; Romans 14
Ephesians 2:1-10
Matthew 20:1-16
1 Corinthians 12:1-27
Matthew 20:20-28
Romans 12:1-13
Matthew 25:14-30

Discussion Questions:

1. Discuss God's acceptance of us in Christ. What does "unconditional" love refer to? (John 3:16-17)
2. Discuss the role of our repentance in God's acceptance of us. What does it mean to repent from sin? Discuss how salvation is conditional on repentance. (Acts 2:38)
3. Discuss the purpose of God's acceptance of us and how it is about His glory and our eternity, not our personal gratification. (Philippians 1:20-21)