

THE TREADMILL OF PERFORMANCE AND ACCEPTANCE.

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Acts 17:28(NKJ)

28 "for in Him *we live* and *move* and *have our being*, ...

Passion - It is through him that we live and function and have our identity, ...

1. GODS ACCEPTANCE OF YOU IS BASED ON YOUR POSITION NOT YOUR CONDITION.

2 Corinthians 5:21-Amplified Bible

"For our sake He made Christ (virtually) to be sin Who knew no sin, so that in and through Him we might become (endued with, viewed as being in and examples of) the righteousness of God (what we ought to be, approved and acceptable and in right relationship with Him, by *His (not our) goodness*)"

2. YOUR VALUE IS NOT BASED ON DOING, IT IS BASED ON TRUST... IN HIS DOING.

Romans 3:28 – AMP.

" A man is...made upright by faith independent of ...good deeds (*observance of the Law*)."

Passion - So our conclusion is this: God's wonderful declaration that we are righteous in his eyes can only come when we put our faith in Christ, and not in keeping the law.

CJB- "Therefore, we hold the view that a person comes to be considered righteous by God on the ground of trusting, which has nothing to do with legalistic observance of the Torah commands.

3. GOD'S LOVE IS UNCONDITIONAL AND HE IS COMMITTED TO YOU.

Hebrew 4:15(NKJ)

15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Amplified Bible: "We do not have a high priest who is unable to understand...have a shared feeling with our weakness...and (our) liability to the assaults of temptation"

Understand." (empathize, sympathize) - *the action of understanding, being aware of, being sensitive to, and vicariously experiencing the feelings, thoughts, and experience of another of either the past or present without having the feelings, thoughts, and experience fully communicated in an objectively explicit manner;*
To have a fellow feeling with; to feel for, have compassion on.

Philippians 3:10(NIV)

10 I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, ...

Passion - And I continually long to know the wonders of Jesus more fully and to experience the overflowing power of his resurrection working in me. I will be one with him in his sufferings and I will be one with him in his death.

Jesus begins a process of:

relieving our pain,
revealing our true value,
releasing our gifts.