

# MESSAGE NOTES

## “Acceptance Looks Good On You!”

HOLY SPIRIT — PT 1

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*Acts 1:8; John 14:16-18; Joel 2:28-29*

We can be free from the power of sin and condemnation and nothing - nothing! - can separate us from the love of God.

*Romans 8:1-4; Romans 8:37-39*

To the degree we understand our sinfulness is to the same degree we love and appreciate what God has done for us through Jesus Christ. Very simply, if we don't see our sinfulness, we won't see our need for a Savior.

1. Believe - Believe God's truth and come under It.

God now only sees the righteousness of Jesus when He looks at us. The follower of Jesus has been completely liberated from sin and death!

2. Belong - Knowing we have been totally accepted into the family of God.

“...what everyone's really wondering is simply this: Does God really, truly, after all I've done... love me?” Brant Hansen, Unoffendable.

*Romans 8:37-39; John 6:29*

“So many of us have believed that we need to labor and perform for God so that we can gain an identity, so that we might be accepted. But in the Kingdom, we start off accepted.” Beni Johnson

3. Become - Out of the deep security of knowing we belong to God, we move forward.

“For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago” (*Ephesians 2:10*).

*All scriptures are from the New Living Translation.*

# COMMUNITY GROUP MEETING OUTLINE

*Where your faith intersects with real life!*

## Connect:

Each person shares a recent high and low from their life.

## Explore:

*Use the following questions to explore what God may be saying to you through this message.*

**Big Idea:** The Holy Spirit frees us from the power of sin and condemnation. Nothing will separate us from the love of God.

*Choose one or two questions for your group to discuss as time allows.*

- ▶ Read John 14:16-18. What are some of the roles the Holy Spirit plays in our lives?
- ▶ Read Romans 8:1-4. In your own words, how would you explain why believers do not live in condemnation?
- ▶ Read Romans 8:37-39. Share about a time when you have felt challenged to see or receive God's love.
- ▶ What are some ways you feel personally assured of God's love?

## Activate:

*Spend a moment in silence to consider your response, then share your decision with the group.*

Read Ephesians 2:10. Ask God to show you where you are reflecting the work of His glorious masterpiece in your life, and share it with your group.

## Pray:

*Thank God for the highs shared and lift up the lows.*

Intentionally ask the Holy Spirit to reveal Himself more and more to each of us and our church family during this series.

*Fill in the blank key: believe; belong, accepted; become, move forward*