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## More Accepted?

Last Wednesday, I was in church listening to our Minister of Maturity and Education, Wade Liberator, giving the message. He had several good points as he spoke about basic spiritual truths we need to remember, but one in particular struck me. He made a statement saying, "As Christians, God has already loved and accepted you. There's nothing we can do to be more accepted by Him, it's already taken care of." I paraphrased a bit, but I just loved how he said that. I think we often get caught in a trap of trying to gain "more acceptance" from God, like there is some heavenly scale of how much He really likes us. It makes sense, we're always trying to gain acceptance from people; we always want more people to like us and accept us for who we are. So we think God, who is so much more holy and righteous than we are, must be the same way, right. **WRONG!** There is

nothing we can do that will make Him love or accept us any more or less. Sure there are things we do that please Him and things we do that disappoint Him or upset Him, but God does not change how He loves us. I don't ever want you all to think when I challenge you to do something in your spiritual walk with Christ, that I am telling you to do it to get God to love you more, or that if you do something that maybe *then* God will accept you as good. No good or bad deed changes that, so be encouraged, and be at peace. There is a song I used to listen to that asks "Would you love me just as much if I were just your stupid kid?" The song talks about a lazy person that never does anything productive, but they find that God still loves them just as much, and that motivates them to get on with their life. So, rest in His love. His love is big, and it has plenty of room for you!

### Meeting Schedule:

Sunday October 22	4:45
Sunday October 29	4:45
Sunday November 5	N.O.W. 6:30-8:30
Sunday November 12	4:45
Sunday November 19	4:45

## WHAT'S NEXT...

- **Reach N.O.W.** (Night Of Worship) combined with **Grab-A-Mug** November 5, 6 :30 - 8:30 pm

\*Bring canned goods for Mission Greenspoint Thanksgiving baskets\*



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