

“How the Gospel is Pastoral Care” – Part 1
7 September 2025

1. Justification

Colossians 2:8
1 Corinthians 2:14-16
Romans 12:2
Ephesians 4:21- 25'
Psalm 107:33-36
2 Corinthians 5:21
Hebrews 10:17
Romans 5:1
Isaiah. 64:6
St. John 14:15, 21
2 Corinthians 5:14-15
1 John 4:16-19
Hebrews 12:5-11
2 Corinthians 5:10
1 Corinthians 3:12-15
Revelation 4:1-4,9-11
Psalm 73:25, 28
Proverbs 23:7

2. Reconciliation

St. John 13:35
Galatians 1:10
Colossians 1:21-22
Colossians 2:13-15
Romans 8:38-39
Ephesians 1:13-14
Colossians 1:19-22
1 Corinthians 3:1-4
St. Matthew 5:23-24
Ephesians 2:16
Ephesians 4:25
1 Corinthians 13

#1 - FEAR OF FAILURE TEST

Read each of the following statements; then, from the top of the test, choose the term which best describes your response. Put the number above that term in the blank beside each statement.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7
Always Very Often Often Sometimes Seldom Very Seldom Never

- ___ 1. Because of fear, I often avoid participating in certain activities.
- ___ 2. When I sense that I might experience failure in some important area, I become nervous and anxious.
- ___ 3. I worry.
- ___ 4. I have unexplained anxiety.
- ___ 5. I am a perfectionist.
- ___ 6. I am compelled to justify my mistakes.
- ___ 7. There are certain areas in which I feel I must succeed.
- ___ 8. I become depressed when I fail.
- ___ 9. I become angry with people who interfere with my attempts to succeed, and as a result, make me appear incompetent.
- ___ 10. I am self-critical.
- ___ Total (Add up the numbers you have placed in the blanks.)

Interpretation of Score

If your score is...

57-70

God has apparently given you a very strong appreciation for His love and unconditional acceptance. You seem to be freed from the fear of failure that plagues most people. (Some people who score this high are either greatly deceived, or have become callous to their emotions as a way to suppress pain.)

47-56

The fear of failure controls your responses rarely, or only in certain situations. Again, the only major exceptions are those who are not honest with themselves.

37-46

When you experience emotional problems, they may relate to a sense of failure or to some form of criticism. Upon reflection, you will probably relate many of your previous decisions to this fear. Many of your future decisions will also be affected by the fear of failure unless you take direct action to overcome it.

27-36

The fear of failure forms a general backdrop to your life. There are probably few days that you are not affected in some way by this fear. Unfortunately, this robs you of the joy and peace your salvation is meant to bring.

0-26

Experiences of failure dominate your memory, and have probably resulted in a great deal of depression. These problems will remain until some definitive action is taken. In other words, this condition will not simply disappear; time alone cannot heal your pain. You need to experience deep healing in your self-concept, in your relationship with God, and in your relationships with others.

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#2 - FEAR OF REJECTION TEST

Read each of the statements below; then, from the top of the test, choose the term which best describes your response. Put the number above that term in the blank beside each statement.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7
Always Very Often Often Sometimes Seldom Very Seldom Never

___ 1. I avoid certain people.

___ 2. When I sense that someone might reject me, I become nervous and anxious.

___ 3. I am uncomfortable around those who are different from me.

___ 4. It bothers me when someone is unfriendly to me.

___ 5. I am basically shy and unsocial.

___ 6. I am critical of others.

___ 7. I find myself trying to impress others.

___ 8. I become depressed when someone criticizes me.

___ 9. I always try to determine what people think of me.

___ 10. I don't understand people and what motivates them.

___ Total (Add up the numbers you have placed in the blanks.)

Interpretation of Score

If your score is...

57-70

God has apparently given you a very strong appreciation for His love and unconditional acceptance. You seem to be freed from the fear of rejection that plagues most people. (Some people who score this high are either greatly deceived, or have become callous to their emotions as a way to suppress pain.)

47-56

The fear of rejection controls your responses rarely, or only in certain situations. Again, the only major exceptions are those who are not honest with themselves.

37-46

When you experience emotional problems, they may relate to a sense of rejection. Upon reflection, you will probably relate many of your previous decisions to this fear. Many of your future decisions will also be affected by the fear of rejection unless you take direct action to overcome it.

27-36

The fear of rejection forms a general backdrop to your life. There are probably few days that you are not in some way affected by this fear. Unfortunately, this robs you of the joy and peace your salvation is meant to bring.

0-26

Experiences of rejection dominate your memory and have probably resulted in a great deal of depression. These problems will persist until some definitive action is taken. In other words, this condition will not simply disappear; time alone cannot heal your pain. You need to experience deep healing in your self-concept, in your relationship with God, and in your relationships with others.

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Reconciliation Passages

Ps. 103:12 -- What happens to our transgressions?

Matt. 26:28 -- Why was Christ's blood shed?

John 3:16 -- What is God's promise?

John 5:24 -- What is the promise to the person who knows and believes?

John 10:27-29 -- What do His sheep have? Will they perish?

Acts 10:43 -- Of what did the prophets bear witness?

Acts 13:39 -- What does belief do?

Rom. 3:23, 24 -- By what are we justified?

Rom. 4:7 -- Who is blessed?

Rom, 5:10 -- Through what are we reconciled?

Rom. 8:15-17 -- Describe the nature of our relationship with God:

Rom. 8:33 -- Who shall accuse us?

Rom. 8:38-39 -- Of what is Paul convinced?

2 Cor. 5:17,19,21 -- Describe what we are in Christ:

Gal. 2:16 -- On what basis are we justified?

Gal. 2:16 -- What part do works play in justification?

Gal. 3:6 -- On what basis did Abraham receive righteousness?

Eph. 1:7 -- According to what do we receive forgiveness?

Eph. 2:8-9 -- On what basis can we boast?

Heb. 9:22 -- What would you have to do in order to receive forgiveness?

Heb. 10: 18 -- After forgiveness, what is to be our offering for sin?

Heb. 12:2 -- Who is the perfecter of our faith?

1 Pet. 1:3-4 -- Of what is Peter convinced?
