VI. Jesus was and is rejected by men.

-Putting our rejection in perspective

-Rejected that we might be accepted (Ephesians 2)

-He is able to sympathize with our rejections. (Hebrews 4)

VII. How does the gospel intersect our fear of rejection?

-In the home

-In the workplace

-In the church

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Class 4: How Do We Fear Man?
We Fear They Will Reject Us

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"He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not." (Isaiah 53:3)

I. Introduction

-Where do I find my identity and meaning?

-People do reject us.

II. How do we manifest fear that other people will reject us?

-Related to who we are

-Related to whom we associate with

-Going fishing … for compliments

-Perfectionism

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-Going along … with the crowd

-We don't share the gospel.

-We don't confront sin.

-How do we see fear of rejection in our culture?

-The love for praise undermines our receiving it

-Lost! Heavenly rewards

-Results in blindness to sin

-Susceptibility to being ensnared by flattery

-Physical and psychological toll

III. How pride fuels our fear of rejection

"If the fear of man is the fire that rages within our hearts, then pride is

-Pride can cause us to distort our sins and faults.

-Pride tempts us to elicit praise.

-Pride causes us to misapply the praise we receive.

-Pride tempts us to overvalue strengths and minimize weakness.

-Pride tempts us to change our behavior not our heart.

-Pride tempts us to dismiss confrontation over sin.

IV. So, should I ever seek to please others?

-As much as needed for gospel ministry and proclamation

-In relation to respecting parents and authorities

-In marriage it is right to please your spouse.

-It is right to deny yourself for the sake of not offending.

V. Fear of rejection in Scripture

-Saul's fear of rejection by the people (I Samuel 15:18)

-The Pharisees (John 12:42 – 43)

"for they loved praise from men more than praise from

-Peter at Antioch with the Jews (Galatians 2:11 – 12)

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-Pilate before the crowd (Mark 15:15)
"Wanting to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. He had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified."

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