
Subject: Finding Acceptance...

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Tomorrow marks the 40th anniversary of Woodstock and last night I rewatched the documentary/movie. It stirred a lot of memories, causing me to think about what it was that drew me to that lifestyle and culture. The music was captivating,(as well as the drugs)and it was a time when the younger generation was tired of the hypocrisy of this nation and our parents. The war was unpopular, and many young people(now called baby boomers)were looking for acceptance. I know I was, I had been involved with sports throughout school, but that had ended and I missed the acceptance that athletics brought. The hippie/flowerchild, 'all we need is love' counterculture offered a feeling of belonging to something bigger than ourselves.(especially if you had a spirit of rebellion dwelling within, as I did) There was a bond there for a short period of time filling the need for acceptance; but eventually that gave way to a feeling of unfulfillment.

So the search continued until the day I asked Jesus to forgive me and grant me repentance; He took me, a sinner headed straight for hell, and unconditionally accepted me, just as I was and gave me LIFE and a new heart. He took a hard headed, hard hearted, lost soul and opened unto me the knowledge of His love and not only the knowledge of it, but by transforming me into a child of God, displayed that love to me. I couldn't change myself or offer anything to Him in order to receive of that wonderful grace and mercy and love...He freely gave it to me, accepted me and washed me white as snow...He even removed my sins as far as the east is from the west, and He remembers them no more.

Thank you Jesus, may all those seeking acceptance through the fleshly ways of man, find true acceptance in you, LORD.
