



“Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth”



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### **THE STANDING AND STATE OF THE SAVED**

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

In this lesson, I describe the “standing” and “state” of the saved. I show that the standing of a saved person is no less than that of a son of God. The state of the saved, on the other hand, can be no better than his obedience as a son. This is because the standing of a saved person before God is based on the blood of Christ, whereas the state of a saved person is based on “his works.”

Another way to look at standing and state is to realize that the saved person’s standing is based on the imputed (given) righteousness of Jesus Christ whereas the state of the saved is based on their own personal righteousness. The standing of the believer is due to his being “in Christ.” The standing and state of a saved person therefore is like the following; although a saved person is a son of God (his standing), he may not always act like one (his state)! The state if a person is based on how much he lets the “Christ in” him reign.

It is important to study the standing and state of the saved for several reasons. First, understanding your standing brings glory to the Lord Jesus Christ because one realizes that it was His work alone that allows you to be a son of God. Second, you can be sure of your eternal destiny because it is based on being a son and not your performance as a son. Finally, your motive for pleasing God by “doing right” flows from being a son already and not hoping to be one. In other words, it is the difference between my son (and he will always be a son whether I like it or not) that does his chores (or doesn’t do them at times!) and lives in my house compared to a hired hand that works on my property for wages, goes home at night, and who I can fire at any time.

#### **THE “STANDING” OF THE SAVED:**

A saved person’s standing before God is one of a son:

Gal. 4:4-5 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his

Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the **adoption of sons**.

The saved person's standing therefore does not depend upon anything that he does or does not do after He has received the Lord Jesus Christ as savior. For example, a saved person's standing before God is not changed at all should he not pray or should he hate his neighbor.

The truth of the matter is that God looks upon the saved sinner in Christ as if they had lived the life of the Lord Jesus Christ and died on the cross and rose from the dead. Therefore not only was HIS DEATH SUBSTITUTIONARY, BUT CHRIST'S LIFE "RESUME" IS SUBSTITUTED AS WELL!

1 Cor. 1:30 But of him are ye **in Christ Jesus**, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

2 Cor. 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of **God in him**.

### **CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SAVED'S STANDING:**

Below are listed a few characteristics of the saved person's "standing" before God:

In their state, the saved are Abraham's seed:

Gal. 3:29 And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

In their standing, the saved are fellow citizens with the saints:

Eph. 2:19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

In their standing, the saved are elected:

1 Pet. 1:2 Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

In their standing, the saved are new creatures:

2 Cor. 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

In their standing, the saved are servants of God:

Rom. 6:22 But now being made free from sin, and become servants to

God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

In their standing, the saved are priests of God, part of a holy nation, and part of a peculiar people:

1 Pet. 2:9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

In their standing, the saved are washed, sanctified, and justified:

1 Cor. 6:11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

In their standing, the saved are accepted in the beloved:

Eph. 1:6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

In their standing, the saved are baptized into Christ's body:

Gal. 3:27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Eph. 5:30 For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.

In their standing, the saved are the temple of the Holy Ghost:

1 Cor. 6:19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

In their standing, the saved are reconciled to God:

Rom. 5:10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

In their standing, the saved received the atonement:

Rom. 5:11 And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

In their standing, the saved became a love-gift to Jesus from the Father:

John 17:9 I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.

In their standing, the saved are saved:

Rom. 10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Acts 2:21 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

John 10:9 I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

In their standing, the saved are given eternal life:

1 John 5:10-13 He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

In their standing, the saved are friends of God:

John 15:15 Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

In their standing, the saved are given peace with God:

Rom. 5:1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

In their standing, the saved have their name recorded in heaven:

Luke 10:20 Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.

In their standing, the saved are seated in heavenly places:

Eph. 2:6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

In their standing, the saved are given access to God's grace:

Eph. 2:7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

In their standing, the saved are given the blessed hope of the return of Christ:

Titus 2:13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

In their standing, the saved can have fellowship with God:

1 John 1:3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

In their standing, the saved are given a mansion in heaven:

John 14:2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

In their standing, the saved are born again:

1 Pet. 1:23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

In their standing, the saved are anointed by the Holy Ghost:

1 John 2:27 But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

In their standing, the saved are sealed by the Holy Spirit:

Eph. 1:13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

In their standing, the saved are forgiven:

Eph. 4:32 And be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

In their standing, the saved are redeemed:

Rev. 5:9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

Gal. 3:13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:

1 Pet. 1:18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;

In their standing, the saved are given God's righteousness:

Rom. 5:17 For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)

In their standing, the saved are given an advocate with the Father:

1 John 2:1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

In their standing, the saved are made an ambassador for Christ:

2 Cor. 5:20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

In their standing, the saved are blessed with all spiritual blessings:

Eph. 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

In their standing, the saved are given the ability to do all things through Christ:

Phil. 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

In their standing, the saved are crucified with Christ:

Gal. 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

In their standing, the saved are made more than a conqueror:

Rom. 8:37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

In their standing, the saved became inseparable from the love of God:

Rom. 8:38-39 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

In their standing, the saved are given an inheritance:

1 Pet. 1:3-4 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,

In their standing, the saved are given a holy calling:

2 Tim. 1:9 Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

In their standing, the saved are created unto good works:

Eph. 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

In their standing, the saved are given all spiritual blessings:

#### THE “STATE” OF THE SAVED:

The “state” of the saved is completely different than that of his standing. The standing of the saved depends on how much the believer allows Christ to live through him:

Col 1:27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is **Christ in you**, the hope of glory.

Gal. 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ **liveth in me**: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

The state of the saved is base on “performance” or “obedience.” The saved has two natures, a natural, sinful one, and a spiritual, holy one. Both natures strive against each other with the result that often the state of the saved does not match their standing. In other words, often a son of God fails to “act” like one. The result is broken fellowship with the Father and almost certain chastisement. The following portion of scripture shows this clearly:

Heb. 12:6-11 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not

much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness. Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

### **THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SAVED'S STATE:**

Below are listed a few of the characteristics of the saved person's "state" before God:

In their state, the saved must be sanctified:

John 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

Eph. 5:26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

In their state, the saved will be chastened of the Lord:

1 Cor. 11:32 But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.

In their state, the saved must be perfected:

Eph. 4:11-12 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

Phil. 3:12 Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.

In their state, the saved must go through trials:

1 Pet. 4:12-14 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.

1 Cor. 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to



escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

In their state, the saved must wait for total redemption:

1 John 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

**CONCLUSION:**

In this lesson, I described the “standing” and “state” of the saved. I showed that the standing of a saved person is no less than that of a son of God. The standing of the saved person however is based on their “good works.” The standing and state of a saved person therefore is like the following; although a saved person is a son of God (his standing), he may not always act like one (his state)!