

The Stance of the Believer (Part 2)

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Scriptures:

- Ephesians 2:8, 9, *NLT*
- Philippians 2:12, 13
- Philippians 2:12, *NLT*
- Philippians 1:6, *NLT*
- John 6:28, 29, *NLT*
- Philippians 2:13, *NLT*
- Galatians 4:5, 7
- Galatians 3:13
- 1 Peter 1:18, 19
- Romans 8:1, 38, 39
- Ephesians 1:6-8, 14
- Hebrews 1:3
- Romans 3:24
- 1 Peter 2:24
- 2 Corinthians 5:21
- John 1:12, 13
- John 3:36
- Romans 6:23
- Romans 11:29, *NLT*
- Colossians 1:12, 13
- Colossians 2:10
- Romans 5:8, 9
- Zechariah 4:6, 7
- 2 Corinthians 3:5
- John 15:5
- Ephesians 4:30
- Jeremiah 32:10, *NLT*
- Daniel 6:17
- Revelation 20:3

Summary:

Believers have received the gift of righteousness and salvation from God. Just like any gift, we did not earn this; it was given to us when we believed in Jesus Christ. We were instantly saved and made righteous when we believed; this is our standing in Christ. However, our earthly lives have some catching up to do when compared to our stance; this ongoing process of letting God bring our imperfect earthly walk up to match our perfect standing is our state. Understanding this delivers us from trying to accomplish what has already been accomplished.

Notes:

1. Our salvation was immediate and permanent when we believed in Jesus; this pertains to our *stance*. *State* will always be in the process of being completed.
2. Although we were instantly saved and made righteous when we believed, God continues working in us to change us from the inside.
3. This process of transformation is ongoing; when we allow God to work on us and in us, our earthly walk will become increasingly righteous and observable to others.
4. While we are still alive, our state will be out of harmony with our standing. However, God is committed to finishing what He started in us; our state will eventually match our standing.
5. To have faith in God is to depend on Him. God wants us to come to Him needing Him. Trusting and depending on Him to lead and guide us pleases Him.

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