

## How to Maintain Your Righteous Stance

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### Scripture References:

- 2 Corinthians 5:17-21, *NLT*
- John 1:29, *NLT*
- Romans 4:1-8, *NLT*
- Galatians 2:21, *NLT*
- Romans 11:5, 6, *NLT*
- 1 Corinthians 15:34, *MSG*
- Hebrews 13:9
- Hebrews 13:9, *NLT*

### Summary:

*Christians are under severe attack from the enemy; in this spiritual battle we're fighting, our minds are the battlefield and the arena of faith. The devil relies heavily on suggestion to contradict what God has said to us; the person who doesn't know their God is open to deception. Not even born-again believers are exempt from Satan's attacks; he'll try to make our love grow cold so that we no longer care what the Bible says. In God's eyes, our righteousness isn't because we do right, but because of our belief in Jesus; we mustn't let the devil's lies shake us from this. Our trust in Christ makes us righteous before the Father, even when we don't deserve it.*

### Notes:

1. Getting born again erases our sinful past in God's eyes. We receive new identities when we receive salvation. Our past no longer matters to God—only our future.
2. Sin created enmity between God and mankind, but Jesus took care of that. Jesus, who is righteous, became sin for us so that unrighteous man could be made righteous before God.
3. We cannot save ourselves. Believing that we are responsible for our own salvation means we get the credit; believing that Jesus is responsible means He gets the credit.
4. The law is all about self-effort, and therefore has no power to save us; it cannot make us right with God. We do not deserve salvation, but God offers it anyway because of His favor toward us.
5. God's grace is there for us, even in our most undeserving moments. Doctrines that do not line up with God's Word of grace will not benefit us. Our strength comes from His grace, not from following a list of rules.

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