

When Will I Be What God Says I Am?  
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Scriptures:

- Ephesians 2:8, 9, *NLT*
- Philippians 2:12
- Hebrews 10:10, 14
- 1 Thessalonians 5:23
- 2 Corinthians 13:11
- Philippians 1:6, *NLT*
- Philippians 2:13, *NLT*
- Psalm 138:8, *NLT*
- Jeremiah 29:11

Summary:

*On our Christian walk, we're gradually becoming more and more like Jesus Christ. Despite our progress, however, there's still a gap between who God says we are and what we see in our everyday lives—although He says we're the righteousness of God, sometimes we still do unrighteous things. Our faith in Christ is a critical component in this journey; we must believe who God says we are, even when our lives don't reflect that yet. Our belief in our redemption contradicts what religion tells us, which is that our salvation hinges on what **we** do. The truth is that we're saved because of what **Jesus** did, and our trust in that. God never contradicts Himself. Although our **stance** in perfection was forever determined when we believed in Jesus, our **state** of perfection, which refers to our earthly lives, is still unfinished.*

Notes:

1. When we got saved, it had nothing to do with what we did and everything to do with what God did. We brought nothing to the table, but still received His unmerited, undeserved favor. Nothing we do after getting born again can ever put our salvation in jeopardy.
2. A widespread misunderstanding in the church is that we must work for our salvation. Our salvation is finished, but the outward manifestation of it is a continual process. This is the difference between our stance and our state.
3. Our belief in the finished works of Jesus unleashes the power to help what is not finished eventually catch up with what is finished.
4. Our *stance* as believers is that we have already been perfected in Christ; our *state* as believers, our walk in our perfection, is still in process. We're still not perfect yet in all of our actions.
5. Our state doesn't determine our stance; however, if we believe in what Jesus did for us, our *stance* will eventually change our *state*. God is continually working on our state throughout our entire lives.

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