

STAND BEFORE YOU WALK

DISCERNING THE GIFT OF GOD FROM WHAT YOU MUST MAINTAIN

"By [our Lord Jesus Christ] also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

~ Romans 5:2

1. Scofield's Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth

- a. Chapter 6: Law and Grace - The gospel of grace graduates you from law school.
- b. Chapter 7: Two Natures - Flesh and Spirit - you are in the Spirit - Rom 8:9
- c. Chapter 8: "The Believer's Standing and State" – Position vs. walk.
- d. The first is a result of the work of Christ and is complete - Col 2:10
- e. The second is what we are told to maintain in accordance with the first - Col 3:1

2. God's Gift to Us

- a. Standing/Position ~def. That which identifies you and imparts to you certain privileges, powers, responsibilities, benefits, and association with people – your role/ title/ rank.
- b. Most important thing for a believer to learn is who they are in Christ (the gift of God)
- c. We have the Spirit "that we might know the things freely given to us" - 1 Cor 2:12
- d. What we know may differ from what we feel (condition), who we are is not what we do
- e. Paul was made a minister, he did not earn it – Eph 3:7, 1 Tim 1:12-13
- f. This not something we earned, deserved, or maintain - Rom 3:23-24, 4:5, 5:1-2, 6:23

3. Our Job to Maintain

- a. State/Condition ~ Your character, circumstance, state of mind, direction, performance
- b. This is what is called the 'Christian walk', crucified life, resurrected life, put on new man
- c. We are crucified with Christ (gift), the life we live in the flesh (maintain) – Gal 2:20
- d. We are resurrected with Christ (gift), we should walk in newness of life (job) – Rom 6:4
- e. We are ministers/stewards (position), it is required to be faithful (our job) - 1Cor 4:1-2
- f. We have the mind of Christ (gift), if we are carnal we don't use it (job) - 1 Cor 2:16-3:1
- g. They were saints (gift), what they did was reprehensible - 1 Cor 1:2, 5:1-2
- h. Philippians must learn how to walk in whatsoever state - Phi 1:20-21, 19-20, 4:11-13
- i. What Paul knows Christ did for him (gift), he wants to attain in his walk - Phi 3:8-16

4. How to Walk

- a. Standing/being in the Spirit, and walking in the Spirit are different - Gal 5:17
- b. Christ in you, and minding the things of Christ are different - Col 1:22-23, 27-29
- c. You must stand before you walk. First, know your standing (gifts), then put'em to use
- d. He condemns their state (walk), reminds them of their standing - 1 Cor 6:1-11, 19
- e. We have treasure (gifts) in earthen vessels, that we can walk in His power - 2Cor 4:5-11

5. Correcting Scofield's Position

- a. Your position depends on God (what he gives you). It is dispensational.
- b. Israel had a position in a covenant, but they could lose it - Rom 11:32, Heb 10:29

- c. Gentiles had no position, but now in Christ Jesus – Eph 2:11-13
- d. Position affected by your performance is a covenanted/conditional position (law)
- e. Position not affected by your performance is freely given/fully received (grace)
- f. Scofield mixes our position with that of Israel's - John 3:16, 1 Pet 2:9, Rev 1:5-6
- g. 1 John 2:6 sounds like Paul, except for how they know - 1 John 2:4, 3:10-11
- h. Israel had to walk to get their salvation in the kingdom - 1 Pet 1:7-9
- i. We stand in salvation, and by this we walk - Eph 2:8-10
- j. If you stand in covenant, your condition matters. If you stand by grace, you cannot be moved.