

## **Standing Rightly**

The position of an object or a thing is a function of place and time. It determines what you possess, actualizes, attain, receive, among others.

Humans are tripartite beings that are made up of a spirit and a soul enclosed in a body. This is confirming the three folds existence of man; spirit, soul, and body. It implies that every human is a spirit, that possesses a soul and these two are enclosed in a body.

**Now may the God of peace make you holy in every way, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again-** 1 Thessalonians 5:23NLT

This Scripture is talking about getting ready for the return of Jesus Christ by making spirit, soul, and body blameless (making yourself spotless without blemishes); without sin.

This is further illustrated and for clarity purpose concerning the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, the perfect day.

**who will also confirm you to the end, that you may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ** –1 Corinthians - 1:8 NKJV.

Each of these human constituents has its specific functions to execute. Each part of the body is created for a function or a role and not for decorations.

The spirit is the real you. It is the part of man that relates with the creator, God. God is Spirit and for any relationship or interaction to take place, the other party, which is the human in this situation must be operating at the spirit realm.

The soul consists of the mind, the will, and the emotions. This is the seat of reasoning, the center of control, and the headquarters of all human processing.

The body is the outward man or what most people see as the real man. This is the part of man that interacts with the environment, the physical constituent. This part can be referred to as the container; the cavity that enclosed other parts.

There can never be a vacuum in man, it is either filled with God's Spirit, talking about the Holy Spirit, or filled with the evil spirit.

We have been given the power of choice. We have the privilege to choose on which side we want to be and be responsible for its consequences. Joshua 24:15NLT says:

**“But if you refuse to serve the LORD, then choose today whom you will serve. Would you prefer the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates? Or will it be the gods of the Amorites in whose land you now live? But as for me and my family, we will serve the LORD.”**

According to the statement of our Lord Jesus Christ, there are two sides to our standing.

**“Anyone who isn't with me opposes me, and anyone who isn't working with me is actually working against me”** - Matthew 12:30 NLT

This implies that where you stand is an implication of your choice. Invariably, you should be well set for its possible consequences.

As I have said times without number, the aspect of questioning is where a lot of people are missing it, in most cases, missing it all. Friends, learn to be asking questions, wisdom demands that you ask questions and seek answers whenever in doubt.

Now, these are some of the sincere questions you should be asking yourself. These are genuine questions that demand real answers; the truth, and nothing but the truth.

Can you just take a breath and cautiously provide answers to these heartfelt questions?

❖ Where are you standing? With God or Not?

“Anyone who isn’t with me opposes me, and anyone who isn’t working with me is actually working against me” - Matthew 12:30 NLT

❖ Where does your heart lie?

For where your treasure is, there your heart [your wishes, your desires; that on which your life centers] will be also. – Matthew 6:12 AMP

❖ Are your thoughts, His thoughts?

And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. – Philippians 4:8 NLT

❖ Are your ways, His ways?

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. – Isaiah 55:8 KJV

Are you able to provide a sincere response to each of the above questions? If not, never mind, it might take time but never close that aspect until you are satisfied within yourself that you have done justice to them. God will surely help you. (Amen)

Remember,

➤ He is always with His own.

For the LORD will not cast off his people, neither will he forsake his inheritance – Psalm 94:14 KJV.

➤ With God, you will never be ashamed.

For the Scripture says, “WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM [whoever adheres to, trusts in, and relies on Him] WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED [in his expectations].” – Romans 10:11 AMP

➤ He will direct your path.

Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take - Proverbs 3:6 NLT.

➤ He will teach and guide you in all things.

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye – Psalm 32:8 NKJV.

➤ The essentials of life He will give you.

Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing - Revelations 5:12 KJV.

Friends, do you know how much He loves you?

He sent His only begotten son to take your place and died for the sins He never committed.

“For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life” – John 3:16 NLT.

How much can you pay for the life and blood that was shed?

Jesus Christ laid down His life for His friends; you and me.

No one has greater love [nor stronger commitment] than to lay down his own life for his friends.

<sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you keep on doing what I command you.

<sup>15</sup> I do not call you servants any longer, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you [My] friends, because I have revealed to you everything that I have heard from My Father. – John 15:13-15 AMP

Can He still refer to you as friends?

This question reminds me of the popular lyrics:

*Standing on the promises of Christ my King.....*

*Standing on the promises that cannot fail.....*

*Standing on the promises I now can see.....*

*Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord.....*

*Standing on the promises I shall not fall.....*

Friends, where you stand and how you stand matter. Stand rightly with God, He is the sure foundation, the solid rock, and savior.

**And those who know Your name will put their trust in You; For You, LORD, have not forsaken those who seek You - Psalm 9:10 NKJV**

Also,

**Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. – Jeremiah 6:16a KJV**

Seek Him, find Him, know Him, love Him and stand rightly with Him. He is your surest companion and friend for a successful journey in life.

**Jesus Christ is the Lord**