

Standing Rightly

Position is a function of place and time. It determines what you possess, actualize, attain, receive, among others. Humans are tripartite beings; this is made up of a spirit and a soul that are 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 Thess. 5:23NLT

This Scripture is talking about getting ready for the return of Jesus Christ by making spirit, soul, and body blameless (making yourself blameless). 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 Cor. - 1:8 NKJV.

Each of these human constituents have their specific functions to execute.

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

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." – Jos.24:15 NLT

According to the statement of our Lord Jesus Christ, there are two sides operate as human.

"Anyone who isn't with me opposes me, and anyone who isn't working with me is actually working against me" - Matt.12:30 NLT

This implies that where you stand is a direct result of your choice.

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 whenever in doubt.

Now, these are some of the sincere questions you should be asking yourself. These are sincere

questions that really demand sincere answers, the truth and nothing but the truth.
Can you just take a breath and cautiously provide answers to these hearty 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” - Matt.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. – Matt.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. – Phil.4:8 NLT

❖ Are your ways, His ways?

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. – Isa. 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 – Ps.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].” – Rom.10:11 AMP

➤ He will direct your path.

Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take - Pro.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 – Ps.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 - Rev.5:12 KJV.

Do you He has done no one what no one can do, now or ever?
Fathers can never do it for sons or vice-versa.
Mothers can never do it for daughters or otherwise.
Husbands can never do it for their wives or vice- versa.
Friends can never do it for friends.

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” – Jn.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.

¹⁴You are my friends if you keep on doing what I command you.

¹⁵I 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. – Jn.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 - Ps.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. – Jer. 6:16a KJV

Seek Him, find Him, know Him, and stand rightly with Him.

Jesus Christ is the Lord