

2023 GraceLife Conference (Session 1)  
The Stance of a Christian vs. the State of a Christian  
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Scripture References:

- Ephesians 2:8, 9, *NLT*
- Philippians 2:12
- Philippians 2:12, 13, *NLT*
- Hebrews 10:10, 14
- 1 Thessalonians 5:23
- 2 Corinthians 13:11
- Ephesians 1:3-14, *NLT*
- Romans 5:2, *NLT*
- Ephesians 2:7, *NLT*
- Romans 2:11
- Philippians 1:6, *NLT*
- 2 Timothy 3:12
- Psalm 138:8, *NLT*

Summary:

*Without a proper understanding of God's Word and how to apply it, we make the mistake of thinking that He contradicts Himself. One example is the difference between a believer's stance in Christ and his state. Our **stance** before God as righteous and holy was settled when we accepted Jesus Christ; however, our **state** refers to the lifelong process of God continually working within us during our journey. We aren't what we do; God has already declared us His children, regardless of our behavior. God chose us as His beloved even before the foundation of the earth, and our state can never change our stance; this is something to thank and praise Him for.*

Notes:

1. Our right-standing with God is something we could never earn; it's an undeserved gift.
2. Our stance reveals that we don't have to work to do what was already done for us before the foundation of the world.
3. God saved and redeemed us and showed us mercy and grace to make examples of us. Our faith in Him is all that's necessary to receive everything He has done for us.
4. God is committed to changing and transforming us; He never leaves the work incomplete. He accepts the responsibility for working in us.
5. The believer's stance before God is unalterable; man doesn't contribute anything to it.

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