

# Standing versus State (Position versus Condition)

It is very important to understand this Biblical truth, and if you prayerfully consider it, you will be forever settled on the doctrinal truth of The Eternal Security of the Believer!

## 1. Romans 8:1 - There is NO MORE Condemnation for Sin

A. Our **standing** is what we are *in Christ* before God (position); Our **state** is what we are in experience before others (condition). When God looks at the unbeliever, He sees him in Adam, but when God looks at the believer, He sees him *in Christ*.

1 Cor. 15:22; 2 Cor. 5:17.

B. Our **standing** will never change and cannot improve or deteriorate; Our **state** is constantly changing, and should be improving all the time (I will never be more saved than what I am right now). Your condition does **not** influence your position.

John 10:27-29; John 5:24; John 3:18; Rom. 3:20-26.

## 2. Romans 8:2 - There need be NO MORE Control by Sin

A. Every believer has the exact same **standing**; Each believer has a different **state**.

Gal. 5:16; 2 Pet. 1:4; 1 John 4:4; 1 Cor. 10:13; 1 John 3:9.

## 3. Romans 8:3-4 - There should be NO MORE Continuance in Sin

A. Our **standing** is to be enjoyed and experienced in our **state** (Phi. 4:11).

B. Our **standing** is dead with Christ, buried with Christ, raised with Christ;

Our **state** will depend upon whether we are yielding to the flesh or to the Spirit.

(Rom. 6:4-10 are true even if we choose not to live in Rom. 6:11-14)

C. When I am glorified, my **standing** and **state** will finally be unified! You may backslide, you may sin, you may not grow, you may get out of church - but if the **standing** is true, then He will perform and complete the good work which He has begun in you (Phi. 1:6). You can live in guilt over your failures, or you can live in victory knowing that you're forgiven!

- My **standing** is what God sees, my **state** is what man sees.
- My **standing** is what God has done, my **state** is what God is doing.
- My **standing** cannot ever change, my **state** is always changing.
- My **standing** should affect my **state**, but my **state** cannot affect my **standing**.
- My **standing** is in Romans 5-6, but my **state** is in Romans 7.
- My **standing** is the *new man*, my **state** is the *old man*.
- If you are unaware of your **standing**, it produces guilt, if you are unaware of your **state** it produces pride.
- If you are aware of your **standing**, it produces peace, if you are aware of your **state**, it will produce repentance!