

Standing Grace
Reclaiming our real ID:
Understanding our identification in Christ Jesus

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Romans 5:1-11(ESV)

Work leads to bondage!

You can't be free and be constantly worried about if God is pleased with you.

You can't be free and worry that one day you will lose your salvation.

You can't be free and think God is mad at you.

You can't be free and think God has cursed your whole family.

You can't be free and think that somehow you are powerful enough to foil the plans of God.

Definitions

Reconciliation: reuniting, reunion, restore, settle, resolve.

Justification: The action of declaring one right with God.

Grace: All of God's power and all of God's ability working through us and towards us.

Galatians 3:1-3 (ESV)

Galatians 5: 1-5 (Amp)

Standing in Grace means:

- I don't have to prove I am worthy of God's love.
- God is my friend. (Abraham didn't initiate that relationship)
- The door of access is permanently open to Him.
- I am free from the "score sheet" – the account is settled in Jesus.
- I spend more time praising God and less time hating myself.
- To *believe*, and consent to be *loved while unworthy*, is the great secret.
- To refuse to make "resolutions" and "vows"; for that is to trust in the flesh.
- To expect to be blessed, though realizing more and more lack of worth. I don't know if God's blessings are getting better or if I am realizing more and more how they aren't based on me and my good works.
- To testify of God's goodness, at all times.
- To rely on God's chastening hand as a mark of His kindness. Hebrew 12:6
- Rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Factor Points:

Worship - We are free to worship God when we accept his righteousness and die to our self-righteousness.

Learn - Study what God says about you so that you can silence the accusations of the enemy.

Serve - When we accept God's love that is without condition, it frees us to love and serve others.