

WALK WORTHY OF THE LORD

I. Two realms of truth to understand for growth

- A. Truths that describe the change that already occurred in our identity, position, & **standing** before God at salvation (**Positional**)
- B. Truths that describe the change that needs to occur in our **state**, condition, practice, and walk after salvation (**Conditional**).
- C. Spiritual growth is ongoing change from working with God to make our **state** Heb. 13:21 match our **standing** Heb. 10:14
- D. Our **state** can change:
 - 1. Spiritual – when our state lines up to our standing
 - 2. Carnal – when our state doesn't line up to our standing

II. Grace and mercy to get us back to His will and growth

- A. Hebrews 12:5-15 Grace and mercy giving us another chance
- B. Direct vs Indirect means to get us back on course 2 Tim. 3:16-4:2

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Standing (In the Spirit)

1. The result of the work of Christ on the Cross.
2. It becomes ours by faith in Jesus Christ the moment we are saved.
3. It is perfect and complete.
4. Our standing is the same as every other child of God.
5. Our standing is entirely based on grace.

State (In the Natural)

1. The result of our work, faithfulness, and practice.
2. It becomes ours by our day to day walk & working out our salvation.
3. It can improve or it can get worse; it can fall short of perfection.
4. Our state is not the same as every other child of God.
5. Our state is based on our faith and obedience; it is the basis of our rewards.

OUR STATE CAN CHANGE

Standing (In the Spirit)

State (In the Natural)

Spiritual

In fellowship
Controlled by Spirit
Imitates God
Glorifies God/Fulfills Law
Gold, silver, precious stones

Carnal

Out of fellowship
Controlled by flesh
Imitates unbeliever
Produces evil (sin)/Human good
Wood, hay, stubble