

# THE CHRISTIAN'S STANDING

(Sermon and Songs)

## Introduction

- 1) **Ephesians 6:13-14a** – "...and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore..."
  - a) Paul speaks of our need to be standing against the forces of Satan and evil (vv. 10-20)
- 2) The Bible speaks of the constant need to be "standing" – to be *standing still, standing on, standing fast, standing up, and standing against*
- 3) Every Christian should understand how to be standing in a way that pleases God (Psa. 1:1)
- 4) This lesson will include some familiar songs that speak of our need to be standing

## I) **Standing Still**

- A) On the shores of the Red Sea, Moses told the children of Israel, "Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which He will accomplish for you today" (Ex. 14:13)
  - 1) That "salvation" was God opening the Red Sea to save His people and destroy the forces of evil (15:1-2) – no need to cower in fear or run with worry – God can help and save!
- B) The salvation from our bondage of sin is found in Christ Jesus – let us stand still in reverence, awe, and assurance at the power, wisdom, love, and gracious salvation of God that we have in Christ Jesus (Eph. 5:2; Rom. 6:3-7; 11:33)

\*Song #186: *I Stand Amazed*

## II) **Standing On**

- A) The righteous stand on the strong foundation of God's truth and reliability (Deut. 32:1-4)
- B) Christ was the Rock that sustained the nation of Israel (1 Cor. 10:4) and is the Rock [foundation] on which the church of Christ is built today (Matt. 16:18; 1 Cor. 3:11)
  - 1) Our hope and faith must be built on nothing less than Jesus the solid Rock

\*Song #378: *The Solid Rock*

## III) **Standing Fast**

- A) We are to stand fast in the "liberty by which Christ has made us free" (Gal. 5:1)
- B) We are exhorted to "stand fast in the faith" (1 Cor. 16:13 – steadfast, immovable 15:58)
  - 1) The promises of God in Christ are absolutely steadfast (2 Cor. 1:20; 2 Pet. 1:4)

\*Song #360: *Standing on the Promises*

## IV) **Standing Up**

- A) We are to stand up for Jesus by confessing Him before men (Matt. 10:32)
- B) We are to stand up and be counted as we join in the good fight of faith (1 Tim. 6:12)
  - 1) Let us be willing to always stand up and fight for God's truth, morality, and righteousness

\*Song #397: *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus!*

## V) **Standing Against**

- A) We need the whole armor of God to "stand against the wiles of the devil" (Eph. 6:11)
- B) We need spiritual protection – truth, righteousness, the gospel, faith, salvation, the word of God – as we resist him, steadfast in the faith (Eph. 6:14-17; 1 Pet. 5:9)
  - 1) We cannot fight the good fight sitting down or lying asleep – must arise and prepare!

\*Song #231: *Soldiers of Christ, Arise*

## Conclusion

**Jesus** also is standing – standing and knocking at the door of your heart (Rev. 3:20). Do you hear His voice? Open the door to His salvation and fellowship. \*Song #344 *Who at My Door is Standing*