

Where Do You Stand?

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Key Scriptures

Romans 5:1-2

Romans 4:2-3

Romans 4:19-20, 23-24

Message Summary

Have you ever wondered where you stand with God?

We don't like uncertainty, especially in our relationships—and the good news is, God doesn't want us to live in uncertainty with Him. In Romans 5:1–2, we discover that because of Jesus, we are justified by faith, we are at peace with God, and we have access to His grace. Justification means we are declared not guilty—fully forgiven—not because of what we've done, but because of what Jesus has done for us. This is not about perfection; it's about God's action toward us through Christ.

As a result, we no longer live as enemies of God, but as His beloved children, fully reconciled. Our new status is peace with God, and that peace silences condemnation and secures our identity. Through Jesus, we also gain full access to grace—the undeserved favor and power of God that helps us walk in freedom and transformation. Knowing our standing empowers our living; when life is shaky, we can stand firm in our God-given position. We don't earn this standing—we receive it by faith and walk it out with confidence.

Quotes

Perfectionism is your attempt at right action, but justification is God's action toward you.

— Pastor Linda Armaly

Some of you need to stop going scuba diving for your sins.

— Pastor Linda Armaly

Prayer

Father, thank You for justifying me by faith, for giving me peace with You, and for welcoming me into Your grace. Help me to stand firm in the truth of who I am in You, even when my feelings or failures try to say otherwise. I choose today to live from the security of my standing, not striving to earn it, but trusting fully in what Jesus has already done. Amen.

Reflection

What Do You Think?

Reflect on these questions independently or discuss them with your Life Group.

Questions

1. Which part of today's message stood out the most to you, and why?

2. Have you ever had a moment where you just wanted to know where you stood with someone? How does that desire reflect our relationship with God and the need to know where we stand with Him?

3. What does it mean to be justified by faith instead of by works or performance? Why do you think many believers struggle to live confidently in their right standing with God?

4. How does understanding your standing with God—being at peace with Him—impact the way you handle failure, stress, or daily challenges? How does it shape your identity and mindset?

5. What does it mean to have access to grace in your everyday life? When you're facing temptation, weariness, or pressure, how do you practically tap into that grace?

6. Read Romans 4:19–21. What can Abraham's faith teach us about trusting God? Is there an area in your life where you need to "stand in your standing"—to remain confident in who you are in Christ? How can we pray for one another in that?

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