

## Knowing Where We Stand

1 Tim. 1:1-11; Rom. 12:1-2; Eph. 6:10-14

### I. In Relationship to God:

- A. Exod. 19:5 – Right of Creation
- B. 1 Jn. 1:5-7 – Fellowship Conditional
- C. 2 Jn. 9 – Believe and Teach
- D. Isa. 59:1-2 – Sin Alienates
- E. 1 Jn. 3:10 – Righteousness of God
- F. Jam. 3:13-18 – The Fruit of Harvest

### II. In Relationship to the World:

- A. 1 Jn. 2:15-17 – Love Not
- B. 2 Cor. 6:14-18 – Come Out
- C. Jam. 4:4 - Enmity

### III. In Relationship to the Truth:

- A. Jn. 18:38 – “What is Truth?”
- B. Jn. 17:17 - Source of Truth
- C. As children of God:
  - 1. Prov. 23:23 – Buy the Truth
  - 2. 2 Thess. 2:10-11 – Love the Truth
  - 3. 1 Tim. 2:4 – Come to a Knowledge of
  - 4. 1 Cor. 13:6 – Rejoice With
  - 5. Gal. 5:7-8 – Obey the Truth

### IV. In Relationship to the Church:

- A. Acts 2:41-42 – Continue Steadfast
- B. Eph. 2:19 – Fellow-citizens
- C. Heb. 3:12-14 – Exhort one another
- D. 1 Pet. 1:22 – Love one another

### V. In Relationship to the Judge:

- A. 2 Tim. 4:1 - Jesus shall Judge
- B. Rev. 20:11-12 - Great and Small
- C. 1 Pet. 4:3-6 - Give an Account to

### VI. Conclusion: Heb. 9:27; Matt. 25:34, 41

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of life, and eat, and live forever--therefore Jehovah God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden the Cherubim, and the flame of a sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life” (Gen. 3:22-24).

Adam and Eve’s separation was first manifested by their physical actions: “And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig-leaves together, and made themselves aprons. And they heard the voice of Jehovah God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of Jehovah God amongst the trees of the garden” (Gen. 3:7-8). Adam and Eve’s guiltiness was manifested when Adam said to the Lord, “I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself” (Gen. 3:10).

Spiritually: The apostle Paul states the reality of this spiritual death, saying, (1) “Therefore, as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin; and so death passed unto all men, for that all sinned” (Rom. 5:12). (2) Paul also reiterated the reality of the spiritual death, saying, “And you *did he make alive*, when ye were dead through your trespasses and sins, wherein ye once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the powers of the air, of the spirit that now worketh in the sons of disobedience; among whom we also all once lived in the lusts of our flesh, doing the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest” (Eph. 2:1-3). Through the actions of the flesh, “wherein ye once walked”, “you were dead,” in that “ye once walked according to the course of this world.” (3) “she that giveth herself to pleasure is dead while she liveth” (1 Tim. 5:6).

However, there are physical consequences that accompany sin: a lack of accountability — (1) Adam said, “The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat” (Gen. 3:12). (2) Eve said, “The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat” (Gen. 3:13). Ancillary consequences — (1) Adam: “Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in toil shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; in the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return” (Gen. 3:17-19). (2) Eve: the Lord said, “I will greatly multiply thy pain and thy conception; in pain thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee” (Gen. 3:16).

The Lord said to Adam: “Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?”

Have you had physical consequences for the commission of your sins? ret

### WATCH!

- Watch your thoughts; they become words.
- Watch your words; they become actions.
- Watch your actions; they become habits.
- Watch your habits; they become character.
- Watch your character; it becomes your destiny: heaven or hell, your choice.

### What is it?

Christianity is not something you “get” one time, but a transforming of the mind, and thereby a change of our thoughts, our words, our actions, our habits, and thereby our character:

- 1 Cor. 15:33 – Evil companionships corrupt good morals.
- 2 Pet. 3:17-18 – “But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.” This indicates that growth is gradual and must be nourished.
- Eph. 4:15 – “Speaking truth in love, may grow up in all things into him...”
- 1 Pet. 2:2 – Long for the spiritual milk...that ye may grow thereby
- Matt. 5:6 – Those who hunger and thirst...shall be filled
- 2 Pet. 1:5-11 – Entrance into the eternal kingdom is determined by individual growth.

### The Holy Spirit Says

“...seeing that his divine power hath granted unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that called us by his own glory and virtue; whereby he hath granted unto us his precious and exceeding great promises; that through these ye may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world by lust. Yea, and for this very cause adding on your part:

- ✓ all diligence,
- ✓ in your faith supply virtue;
- ✓ and in your virtue knowledge;
- ✓ and in your knowledge self-control;

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<b>GOD</b>	<b>RELATIONSHIP</b>	<b>WORLD</b>
<b>ALIENATES</b>	<b>FRUIT</b>	<b>HARVEST</b>
<b>LOVE NOT</b>	<b>ENMITY</b>	<b>TRUTH</b>
<b>KNOWLEDGE</b>	<b>REJOICE</b>	<b>OBEY</b>
<b>FELLOW</b>	<b>CITIZEN</b>	<b>EXHORT</b>
<b>ACCOUNT</b>	<b>GREAT</b>	<b>SMALL</b>

- ✓ and in your self-control patience;
- ✓ and in your patience godliness;
- ✓ and in your godliness brotherly kindness; and in your brotherly kindness love.

For if these things are yours and abound, they make you to be not idle nor unfruitful unto the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For he that lacketh these things is blind, seeing only what is near, having forgotten the cleansing from his old sins. Wherefore, brethren, give the more diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never stumble: for thus shall be richly supplied unto you the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ (2 Peter 1:3-11).

### ARE YOU

Growing “in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ”? (2 Peter 3:18)

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With Him is

### Plenteous Redemption

Psalms 130:7

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### Weekly Reading:

Colossians 1:1-29; 3:1-25  
 Colossians 4:1-6; Galatians 5:13-26



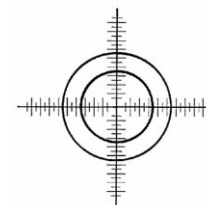
Luke 16:19-31

### Your Choice Choose Wisely



Revelation 4:4

### In the Crosshairs



### I Tried to Tell You!

Jehovah told Adam and Eve: “And Jehovah God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: but of the tree of the

knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die” (Gen. 2:16-17). This is just the first of many “tried to tell you” occasions. What the Lord had to say was simple and straightforward.

As the event unfolded, and Adam and Eve transgressed the mandate of the Lord, the consequences began to unfold. Physically: “Jehovah God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil; and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree

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