

The Commands of Christ #9: Stand

We are called to Stand, to Persevere in Faith

Mark 4:1-6,13-17

We are able to stand because of the power of God

We have eternal life by believing in Jesus Christ.

Not by our work, but by trusting Him, trusting His work.

The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ

Righteousness is from His work, not ours.

We are saved because of what God did.

We can trust him to finish His work.

Philippians 1:6 being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

1 Peter 5:10-11 And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

2 Corinthians 1:21-22 Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

1 Corinthians 1:7-9 Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

So, we must trust God even through Pain

Life brings Pain

We all experience Pain

Following Jesus does not eliminate pain

We can find God there

We can turn toward God in Pain, Not away

Fight to find God in your pain

God says "I am with you" (Isaiah 41:10, Matthew 28:20, Acts 18:10, etc)

John 16:33 "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace.
In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."