

RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH #17
RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

Colossians 3:1-4

Notice the polar opposites in the passage:

v. 2 - things _____ vs. things _____

v. 9 - put _____ vs. put _____ (v. 10)

v. 9 - the _____ vs. the _____ (v. 10)

- There are key truths about the Christian life that must be _____ in order to live a successful Christian life.

I. FAITH

cf. **Ephesians 2:8, 9** - Salvation is by _____ through _____.
Since salvation is a gift, it cannot be _____.

cf. **Galatians 3:1-6** - The _____ is received when a person places his/her faith in Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit is NOT received by doing good _____!

cf. **Ephesians 1:12-14** - Notice the specific order:
_____ → trusting/believing → _____ by the Spirit of God

II. FEELINGS

- Since feelings are so dependent upon circumstances and constantly changing, they cannot be _____!

cf. **Galatians 5:16, 17, 19-24** - Notice the contrast between the _____ and the _____. It is the flesh that prevents us from fulfilling God's _____ for our lives.

- The apostle Paul, a man who obviously knew a great deal about living the Christian life, described his personal struggle in Romans 7.

cf. **Romans 7:15-24** - Notice the struggle that Paul described because of the contrasting law of _____ (v. 22) and the law of _____ (v. 23). Like us, Paul had to decide which law he would _____ (v. 25).

***It is a normal desire to be _____ of "the body of this _____" (v. 24)

III. FACTS

cf. Ephesians 2:1-6 - Notice the description of the current _____ of the believer:

v. 1 - _____ (no longer dead)

v. 6 - _____ up and _____ in heavenly places in Christ Jesus

- At the present time, a believer is on _____ in a physical sense, but in _____ in a spiritual sense.

A believer's STANDING has to do with one's _____ before Almighty God because of the work of Jesus Christ. Remember that Jesus Christ's _____ is imputed to the believer and God declares a believer to be positionally _____!

A believer's STATE has to do with one's personal _____, or our _____ for the Lord AFTER salvation.

cf. 1 John 3:2, 3

STANDING - "now are we the _____"

STATE - "every man that hath this hope in him _____ himself"

Examine: Galatians 3:27 and Romans 13:14

Galatians 3:27 has to do with our _____

Romans 13:14 has to do with our _____

KEYS TO THE CHRISTIAN LIFE - cf. Romans 6

v. 6 - _____ the condition of the old man

v. 11 - "_____ ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord."

v. 13 - "_____ yourselves unto God... and your members as _____ of righteousness unto God."