

SPIRITUAL GROWTH SERIES
VOLUME 3: WHO WE ARE IN CHRIST
MESSAGE 3: THE RIGHTEOUS ARE IN AUTHORITY
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 **FOUNDATION:**

- **1 Thessalonians 5:23-24**
 - **1Thessalonians 5:23** [*The Passion Translation*] - Now, may the God of peace and harmony set you apart, making you completely holy. And may your entire being—spirit, soul, and body—be kept completely flawless in the appearing of our Lord Jesus, the Anointed One.
 - 1Th 5:24 - The one who calls you by name is trustworthy and will thoroughly complete his work in you.
- **Mark 11:22-25**
- **Romans 5:17** [*Amplified Classic Version*] - For if because of one man's trespass (lapse, offense) death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive [*God's*] overflowing grace (unmerited favor) and the free gift of righteousness [*putting them into right standing with Himself*] reign as kings in life through the one Man Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).
 - **Hebrews 10:39** — **believe to the saving of the Soul**
 - **3 John 2-4, 11**

I. Only the Word of God is solid Enough to STAND:

- a. Matthew 7:24-27
- b. Luke 6:47-49
 - i. THE ROCK OF REVELATION KNOWLEDGE:
 - 1. Matthew 16:13-19
- c. Five Things that Steal the Word of God from our Hearts:
 - i. Persecution
 - ii. Affliction
 - iii. Cares of This World
 - iv. Deceitfulness of Riches
 - v. Lust of Other Things

II. The Spirit of Man

- a. Genesis 1:26-27 — Created in God's Image, in God's Class, in God's likeness
- b. Man is a Spirit Being, created to associate and be a companion to Deity
- c. Ezekiel 36:26-27 — A NEW SPIRIT
- d. 1 Peter 3:4 — the hidden man of the Heart
- e. 2 Corinthians 4:16 — Inward Man renewed day by day

III. The Righteous are in Authority

- a. Romans 5:17
 - i. Righteousness — the ability to stand in the presence of God without guilt, inferiority, unworthiness, fear, condemnation or a sin consciousness
 - ii. Righteousness — the right to receive God's overflowing Grace

IV. Totally Submitted to God, the Father's Plan

- a. Righteousness — The Life & Nature of God
 - i. 2 Peter 1:4
- b. Righteousness — God's ability, with permission, to take a position in our life
 - i. No fear or unbelief
 - ii. If it's in the Bible, we have a Right to receive it

V. All HAVE (past tense) sinned

- a. Romans 5:12
 - i. Death came in by Adam's sin
- b. Genesis 1:26-27
 - i. Made — formed, shaped (no life — Genesis 2:7)
 - ii. Image — an exact duplicate in kind: SPIRIT BEING
 - iii. Another Speaking Spirit
 - 1. What do you see when you look in the mirror?
— your appearance.
 - iv. Likeness — to operate in the same manner