

I. INTRODUCTION

What gives believers the right to live righteously before God? What makes them think that they can actually accomplish this impossible task? Aren't they sinful creatures whose first reaction to life is sin? Therefore, how will they be able to accomplish this?

If believers do not know the answer to this question, then they need to find out quickly because life does not stand still; it moves rapidly. And if they don't have a sturdy foundation upon which to stand while facing life's trials and tribulations, then life will overcome them and they will be frustrated with themselves and rendered useless to the Body they are a part of, i.e., the church.

II. LIVING RIGHTEOUSLY IS DIFFICULT, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF GOD'S IMPOSSIBLE DEMANDS: COLOSSIANS 3:1-4:6

III. THE BELIEVER'S BASIS FOR LIVING RIGHTEOUSLY: CHRIST

A. *Colossians 1*

B. *Colossians 2*

IV. ANOTHER LOOK AT GOD'S RIGHTEOUS DEMANDS: COLOSSIANS 3:1-4:6

V. CONCLUSION