

## POSITIONAL TRUTH

1. When a person accepts Christ as personal Savior then he is placed into a new position with God. He becomes a member of the family of God. He is now “in Christ” which is a Church Age term. 1 Corinthians 1:2, 30.
2. Positional truth consists of:
  - A. Regeneration, being born again, Titus 3:5; Ephesians 2:1, 5.
  - B. Indwelling Holy Spirit in the body, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20.
  - C. Filling of the Holy Spirit, Romans 5:5; Ephesians 5:18.
  - D. Sealing of the Holy Spirit, Ephesians 1:13, 4:30.
  - E. Baptism of the Holy Spirit, 1 Corinthians 12:13. Union with Christ.
  - F. Spiritual gift, you are given a position on the team, 1 Corinthians 12:11.
3. You cannot lose your position in Christ once you have it, even when you are carnal, 1 Corinthians 1:2, 30.
4. Positional truth protects the believer from eternal judgment. Romans 8:1, “There is now no condemnation to them who are IN CHRIST Jesus,” (end of verse, the rest is not in the original manuscripts)
5. Positional truth results in the believer sharing what Christ has.
  - A. We share His eternal life, 1 John 5:11-12.
  - B. We share His righteousness, 2 Corinthians 5:21.
  - C. We share His Sonship, Galatians 3:26.
  - D. We share His heirship, Romans 8:16-17.
  - E. We share His election, Ephesians 1:4.
  - F. We share His destiny, Ephesians 1:5.
  - G. We share His Kingship, 2 Peter 1:11.
  - H. We share His priesthood, 1 Peter 2:5, 9.
  - I. We share His sanctification, 1 Corinthians 1:2.
6. Positional truth defines election and predestination.
  - A. Election: Jesus Christ is elected, and everyone who accepts Him as personal Savior enters into His election. Isaiah 42:1; 1 Peter 2:6.
  - B. Predestination: Jesus Christ is given a destiny. In Christ the believer has a destiny. We are predestined after we are saved, not before. It is the position in Christ that is predestined, not each individual person.

7. Positional truth produces a new creature in Christ, 2 Corinthians 5:17.
  - A. “In Christ,” positional truth, top circle.
  - B. “New creature,” new birth, receives human spirit, ability to fellowship with God.
  - C. “Old things passed away,” spiritual death in Adam is gone.
  - D. “behold they are become new,” spiritual life in Christ is now.
  
8. Positional truth guarantees eternal security, Romans 8:38-39.
  
9. Positional truth exists in three categories:
  1. Retroactive positional truth—cross or point of salvation.
  2. Current positional truth— Salvation exists at the present moment.
  3. Experiential positional truth—daily living in Christ through obedience.
  
10. Characteristics of positional truth:
  - A. It is not an experience so you feel nothing.
  - B. It is not progressive, it is totally perfect at salvation.
  - C. It is the work of the Holy Spirit, so you cannot improve on it.
  - D. It is eternal in nature so you can never lose your salvation.
  - E. You will learn about it only thru Bible study.
  
11. Retroactive positional truth means we are identified with Christ on the cross the moment we accept Him as personal savior. For the rest of our lives we can look back to the cross as the moment we gained eternal salvation.
  - A. We are to reckon ourselves dead to the old sin nature and serve Christ ( Romans 6:11). We are to stay in fellowship with God the Father, ( Romans 8:8).
  
  - B. When we sin then we confess our sin, 1 John 1:9, and look back to the cross as our point of eternal forgiveness!