

Continuing “The Complete Green Letters”

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Intro: Pr 23:7

I. The Two Parts of our Position In Christ

A. Identification with His Death, His Life and Resurrection

1. God’s Eternal Purposes

a. Salvation is not about our benefit – Heaven.

b. Salvation is about God’s Glory - Ac 2:23; Ro 8:28; 9:11; 1 Jo 3:8; Rev 17:16-17

2. Christ’s Life, Death, Resurrection Gloried God and makes it possible for Us to be able to Glorify God.

a. His life always pleased the Father – Mt 3:17; 12:18; 17:5; 2Pe 1:17

b. His death satisfied God’s wrath turning it from us so that we might be reconciled to Him – Ro 3:25; Heb 2:17; 1 Jo 2:2; 4:10; Ro 5:10; 2 Co 5:18; Col 1:21

c. His resurrection justifies (declares us righteous) the believer before God creating us as new creatures that we might live unto God – Ro 3:24; 4:5,25; 5:9; 8:30,33; Tit 3:7

B. Position Above – Our identification with His Exaltation

1. His Position – The Right Hand of God’s throne – Eph 1:20; Heb 8:1

2. Our Position –

a. Blessed with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, - Eph 1:3

b. Raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, - Eph 2:6

c. Hidden with Christ in God – Col 3:3

C. Position Unknown

1. Serves out of Gratitude, not sufficient for the difficulties one faces from his enemies.

2. Serves with a better understanding of position in Christ, results in failure due to the self-effort to live according to those truths.

3. Romans doesn’t reveal concepts of growth until the concepts of righteousness is settled – Ro 5:11, 17-18

a. Ro 1:1-5:11 presents the remedy for the penalty of sins, the blood secures forgiveness.

b. Ro 6-8 presents the remedy for the power of sin, the cross secures deliverance. – Jo 10:10

D. Position Appreciated

1. The Process of being made aware of self’s bankruptcy. – Ro 7:15-25

- a. The Savior dealt with symptoms and the disease - the root and the fruit.
 - b. A substitute for our sins, Identification with His death for our sinful self
 2. God uses people and circumstances as trials to reveal to us the bankruptcy of the self-life.
 3. When the self-life is revealed, then the believer is open to the truths of the Christ-life.
 - a. The Holy Spirit determines when a person understands and is ready for the next step.
 - b. Even when one understands, they take their lifetime to learn how it applies in everyday life.
- E. Position Accepted
1. Through the work of Christ, God sees us as
 - a. accepted in Christ – Eph 1:6
 - b. complete in Christ – Col 2:9
 2. When we abide in (remain) (reckon to be true) the positional truths, – Eph 2:6; Col 3:1-3, we find. . .
 - a. Rest – Mt 11:29; Heb 4:1,3,9-11
 - b. Fellowship – Jo 17:21; 1 Co 1:9; 1 Jo 1:3
 - c. Growth – Eph 4:15; 1 Pe 2:2; 2 Pe 3:18