

**THE SUFFICIENCY OF GOD'S NEW POSITION IN CHRIST
FOR YOU
(2 Corinthians 5:16-17)**

F. GOD'S AGAPE LOVE IS SUFFICIENT - to MOTIVATE you to LIVE for HIM who DIED for You. (2 Cor. 5:12-15)

G. GOD'S POSITION IN CHRIST IS SUFFICIENT - for You as NEW CREATIONS IN CHRIST. (2 Cor. 5:16-17)

1. The *importance* of positional truth is underscored by the prepositional phrase _____ being found many times in the New Testament epistles.
2. The *significance* of positional truth is highlighted by realizing that it highlights the...
 - a. *Church- age believer's* _____ with _____.
 - Why was the phrase "in Christ" NOT found in the OT and even in vast majority of the Gospel narratives regarding the earthly ministry of our Lord?
 - When was positional truth introduced, and why at that time chronologically?
 - What difference does it make if you fail to rightly divide the Word on this matter?
 - b. *reality of the believer being* _____ with _____ in Christ.
 - Ephesians 1:3-14; Colossians 2:6-15; Colossians 3:1-4
 - c. *basis of the believer's practical* _____, and _____ for & by Christ.
 - John 15:1-5; Romans 6:1-5, 11-14; Ephesians 4:17-24
3. Observe the *key factors* in our Christian walk, growth, and service for Jesus Christ, God's way, including positional truth:
 - a. Our *focus* is on _____ and our relationship with Him. (5:14a)
 - b. Our *primary motivation* is logically on the _____ which COMPELS us as it takes us back to His _____ for us & _____. (5:14b)
 - c. Our *perspective of ourselves* is that:
 - (1) We are immensely _____ by God and _____. (5:14)
 - (2) We are now _____ with Christ's death & resurrection so that we _____ with Christ positionally and now are spiritually _____ in Him. (5:14c-15a)
 - d. Our *purpose* should _____ be to live our lives for _____ {like we did before God saved us} but now for _____ who died for us and rose again. (5:15b-c)

e. **Our perspective of others is to be transformed {Romans 12:1-2} so that ...**

- “**Therefore**” - expresses a logical conclusion, implication, or application due to what has been previously stated.
- “**from** _____” - this is emphatic & indicates that our new position in Christ and our new purpose in life should shape how we now will choose to view life and others.
- “**we** _____” - this is how we now recognize, discern, evaluate, or perceive - what?
- “**no one**” - this is in reference to individual human beings - on what basis?
- “_____” {kata} - on the basis of the norm or standard of what?
- “**the flesh**” - the Greek word *sarx* depending on the context can refer to the sin nature (Rom.7:18,8:3,12; Gal. 5:13, 16, 17,19), the human nature (1 Cor. 6:16), human beings (1 Cor. 1:29; Gal. 1:16, 2:16; 1 Pet. 1:24), the human body (Gal.2:20; 2 Cor. 4:11, 7:1), the soft tissue of a body (1 Cor. 15:39), human lineage {Rom. 4:1, 9:3}, human existence (1 Cor.7:28; Eph. 6:5), human effort (Gal. 3:3), or human viewpoint; a worldly perspective (Rom. 8:4,5; 2 Cor. 1:17, 5:16, 10:2,3, 11:18; Gal. 6:12) as it does here. What does this mean practically?
- “**Even though we have known** {previously known/ perceived before being reconciled to God} _____ {the Messiah - how had we perceived Him?} **according to the flesh** {from a wrong human viewpoint perspective}, Observe Gal. 3:13; Isa. 53:4-6; Phil. 3:3-9; 1 Cor. 1:26-31; 4:8-13}
- **yet** {alla - in stark contrast} _____ {since we have come to faith in Christ} **we know Him thus** _____ {like we previously did}. How is Jesus Christ viewed by the world today?
- **Therefore**, - introduces another conclusion, implication or application
- **if** {1st class condition which assumes a reality because they are or for the sake of argument}
- **anyone is** - no qualifiers attached except being ...
- _____ - in union with or in Jesus Christ, which then means ...
- **he is a** _____ {kainos - new in quality} _____ {spiritually in their relationship to God & Jesus Christ as he/she was previously an old person or creation in Adam - Gal. 6:14-16; Eph.2:10; Col. 3:9-11} What does this mean positionally?
- _____ **things have** _____ {positionally - in Adam; not conditionally, as there are worldly perspectives & sinful habits that are carried over into the Christian life needing victory over & transformation regarding - Romans 12:2; 1 Cor. 3:1-4; 2 Cor. 3:18, 12:20-22}
- **behold**, - omitted in NIV; this is a word of exclamation! About what?
- **all things** {positionally in Christ} **have become** {perfect, active, indicative of ginomai} _____ {kainos - new in quality as believers are now IN CHRIST!}.
- **What does this mean to you & me? Becoming in new creation in Christ is a game-changer for us _____ and should also be transforming _____ as to how we view Jesus Christ, ourselves, and others and therefore live from now on.**