

**THE SUFFICIENCY OF GOD'S NEW POSITION IN CHRIST  
FOR YOU Pt. 2  
(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 underscores the...

a. *Church- age believer's* \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_.

b. *reality* of the believer being \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ.

- **Ephesians 1:3-14** - What are some of the spiritual blessings you now have "in Christ"?

- **Colossians 2:6-15** - How are you now to walk as a believer? And what does it mean to be complete in Christ?

- **Colossians 3:1-4** - Why should you seek & set your mind on things above? How should this now impact your daily life? (3:5-11)

c. *basis* of the believer's practical \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ for & by Christ.

- **John 15:1-5** - Because we are \_\_\_\_\_ {as a branch}, we need to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ {the true Vine} to bear fruit for God & others.

- **Romans 6:1-5, 11-14** - Because we have \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, we should now \_\_\_\_\_ in newness of life.

- **Ephesians 4:17-24** - How do the Gentiles {unsaved} walk and why should you not continue to live in this manner?

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 NO LONGER 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 ...*

- “\_\_\_\_\_” - expresses a logical conclusion, implication, or application due to what has been previously stated.
- “\_\_\_\_\_” - 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 regard*” - 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 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} *now* {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* {1<sup>st</sup> 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 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 - Christ; 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?
- \_\_\_\_\_ *things* {positionally - connected to having been in Adam} *have become* {perfect, active, indicative of ginomai} \_\_\_\_\_ {kainos - new in quality as believers are now IN CHRIST!}.
- What does this mean to you & me?