

Doctrinal Studies

Our Position In Christ

Colossians 2:10 "And ye are complete in him..."
"IN HIM" presents our position in Christ.

1. Baptism of the Holy Spirit is union with Christ at salvation. I Cor. 12:13; Acts 1:5; Eph. 4:5; John 14:20.
2. Our position in Christ belongs to the carnal as well as the spiritual believer. Our security is in Christ and not dependent on our goodness or badness i.e. whether the believer is in reverse gear or a grace abounding life believer. I Cor. 1:2, 30.
3. Our position in Christ protects us from divine judgment in eternity. Rom. 8:1.
4. Our position in Christ qualifies us to live with God forever. To live with God forever, you must have two things:
 - a. Since God has perfect righteousness, He cannot tolerate anything but perfect righteousness. Since Jesus is perfect, when we are in union with Him we share His righteousness. II Cor. 5:21.
 - b. God has eternal life. If we are going to have fellowship with Him, we must have eternal life. Jesus is eternal life and being in union with Him, we share his eternal life. I John 5:11, 12.
5. Our position in Christ explains both election and predestination.
 - a. Election and predestination are two ways of explaining the Plan of God.
 - b. We are in union with Christ. Since Christ was elected in the past and has a destiny, when we choose to believe in Him, we share His election and hence His destiny. In sharing His destiny we are predestinated. Ephesians 1:3-6.
6. Our position in Christ produces a new creature in Christ. II Corinthians 5:17.
 - a. Being a new creature does not come as a result of turning over a new leaf, reforming, or changing your life style.
 - b. Being a new creature means you have a new security, a security that is perfect.
 - c. You are a new creature because of what Christ does and this has nothing to do with what you do.
7. Our position in Christ guarantees the eternal security of the believer. Romans 8: 38, 39.
8. Our position in Christ is in two areas:
 - a. Retroactive - This is identification with Christ's death. Romans 6; Col. 2:12; 3:3.
 - b. Current positional truth - This is identification with Christ in His resurrection. He ascended and is sitting at God's right hand.
 - c. This makes life really possible for us while on earth!
9. Results of positional truth:
 - a. We share the righteousness of Christ. II Cor. 5:21.
 - b. We share His life i.e. eternal life. I John 5:11,12.
 - c. We share His destiny i.e. election. Eph. 1:3-6.
 - d. We share His sonship. II Tim. 2:1.
 - e. We share His heirship. Rom. 8:16,17.
 - f. We share his sanctification. He is set apart forever. I Cor. 1:2, 30.
 - g. We share His kingdom. He is going to reign forever. II Pet. 1:11.
 - h. We share His priesthood. Christ is a priest. Heb. 10:10-14.
10. Characteristics of positional truth:
 - a. Positional truth is not an experience.
 - b. The baptism of the Holy Spirit at conversion is not dependent on emotions.