

DOCTRINE OF POSITIONAL TRUTH

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1. Definition.

1. Positional truth is equivalent to positional sanctification. Positional truth is our relationship with Christ in the Church Age.

2. It refers to the Church Age believer in union with Christ.

It can be defined as the uniting of the believer with Christ in His death; burial, and His resurrection and ascension, when He was accepted in heaven and seated at the right hand of the Father.

2. The mechanics of how positional truth is accomplished is the baptism by means of the Holy Spirit, whereby Christ uses the Holy Spirit to effect our union with Christ, 1 Cor 12:13; Eph 4:5.

3. Positional truth guarantees the believer's eternal security, Rom 8:38-39. Nothing can separate us from the love which is in Christ Jesus.

4. Positional truth belongs to all categories of believers: carnal, reversionists, immature or mature.

5. Positional truth qualifies the believer to live with God forever. The believer must have his sins paid for, God's perfect righteousness, and eternal life. 1 Jn 5:11-12; 2 Cor 5:21.

6. Positional truth creates a new creature in Christ, 2 Cor 5:17.

7. Positional truth is the basis for spiritual growth, the production of divine good as a result of spiritual growth, and a pattern of life compatible with royalty, Eph 2:10.

8. Positional truth is the basis for grace blessing, Eph 1:3-6. We are "in Christ;" therefore God pursues us with every category of grace.

9. Because we are in union with Christ, we share His:

1. Eternal life, 1John 5:11 And the witness is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. 1John 5:12 He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.

2. Perfect righteousness, 2Cor. 5:21 He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

3. Election, Eph. 1:4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him.

4. Destiny, Eph. 1:5 He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will.

5. Sonship, 2Tim. 2:1 You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

6. Sanctification, 1Cor. 1:2 to the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, saints by calling, with all who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours.

7. Priesthood, Heb 10:10-14.

8. Royalty (Kingship), 2Pet. 1:11 for in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you.

10. What positional truth is not.

1. It is not an experience or emotions.

2. It is not progressive; it cannot be improved in time or eternity.

3. It is not related to human merit or ability.

4. It cannot be changed by God, man or angels. It is eternal in nature.

5. It is not obtained gradually as you grow in grace, but in toto at salvation.

6. It is not known or oriented to apart from the metabolization of doctrine.

7. From understanding the doctrine of positional truth, we progress in our spiritual life, but we cannot improve it since it is perfect at salvation.

8. We are not in Christ because of what we do (morality), or fail to do (sin), but because of what God has done.