

Sunday Message April 30, 2023 – Positional Truth of God's Grace Plan.

Intro: Good morning to our Royal Family,

>>> Please Open your bibles to Romans 16:25 and please keep Pastor, his family and the whole church in your prayers, thank you.

As I was contacted about helping fill in today, Pastor's words from the past messages that he repeated came into my thoughts as I was wondering and praying what I could teach about this morning. The Holy Spirit said keep moving forward, so I am going to do my best to keep on the subject of the past few weeks and talk about Positional Truth with some definitions from Pastors term book. However, what I want you to see one thing that is how amazing God is in laying out His instructions to us. His Truth, this written book has withstood the elements of time, but we must carefully and correctly study according to the original intent. Which is why we rightly divide the Word of truth. Open the Word of truth to the Book of Romans.

As we read in Rom 16, ROM 16:24

Paul here seems to be ending his letter, but in verse 24 the translators added this verse, WHY?? ... I have no idea

... more likely for accommodation, but that is a dangerous thing in the Word of God as we know. Paul was not finished with the letter or instructions, He wanted to give God the credit and keep focus on the goal of Christ where unlike the verses prior in this chapter were about flesh people and accolades. Let's continue for my point,

ROM 16:25 Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery which has been kept secret for long ages past, **26** but now is manifested, and by the Scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the eternal God, has been made known to all the nations, *leading to* obedience of faith; **27** to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be the glory forever. Amen.

Now Paul is eager to tell them about Mystery doctrine and extending that to ALL, Jew and Gentile, with the next book being 1 Cor and we will continue to read here,

1CO 1:1 Paul, called *as* an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother,

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 on the name of our Lord

Jesus Christ, their *Lord* and ours:

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

/ **1CO 1:4** I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus,

1CO 1:5 that in everything you were enriched in Him, in all speech and all knowledge, \

/ **1CO 1:6** even as the testimony concerning Christ was confirmed in you,

1CO 1:7 so that you are not lacking in any gift, awaiting eagerly the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, \

/ **1CO 1:8** who will also confirm you to the end, blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. \

/ **1CO 1:9** God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. \

We see in verse 5-7 Paul explains that we are given grace gifts at the moment of Salvation,

/ Grace gifts given at Salvation for our Spiritual Growth in PPOG, 1CO 1:5-8; EPH 4:7. \

And gifts were given from eternity past as we know from Eph 1:3 (... has blessed us) and the gifts are also "irrevocable."

/ **ROM 11:29** for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. \

At least 40 the number is not important, but Pastor has a great book on those,

'The Grace Gifts Given at Salvation' publication if you want to know more and grow or review. Then Paul tells us in verses 8,9 that we are blameless or justified and then sanctified.

We are going to identify a few of these gifts in theological terms,

Justification and Sanctification, as they relate to Positional Truth.

However, I want you to see something 1st, we are reminded in verse 9, I'll put it up on the board again,

/ **1CO 1:9** God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. \

Who is faithful? _____ GOD IS FAITHFUL! & That is all grace, which we have already studied knowing we receive something, but don't earn or deserve anything.

Everything comes from God and He does all the work, for there is not even a credit that our flesh can take as He called us into His marvelous light.

We are subject by our ability to make a free will choices, **If (3rd class condition)** we chose to obey God and have PVTD. But that is the key to the last part of this verse “into fellowship” with His Son, TLJC.

So as Pastor left off last week, in Phi 2:1 where it says,
/ **Phi 2:1** Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion \

These are the 1st class condition clause, keyed on the word “If”, meaning = If and it is true.

We have a special relationship with JC If we want to ... He does not force this as other religions tries to do, through guilt of sin, or pressure of membership, tithing, etc... I want you to remember one thing,

/ Christianity is an Intimate Relationship with Your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, A union with Christ! \

*** Because we love Him! HE alone is worthy of our Praise.

This gives us encouragement for the momentum building in our daily walk of being transformed into His image. I said a daily walk, for it is by habitually taking in BD and being guided by guess who _____, yes God the Holy Spirit; which is one of the fantastic Grace gifts I mentioned earlier = the Helper and sealing ministry of GHS.

/ You must use the 2 power options: BD + filing ministry of GHS = proper execution of the PPOG, growth to maturity. \

This is a major part of building: line upon line, precept upon precept, doctrine upon doctrine a little here and a little there. These Promises of God are a guarantee and that is where Positional Truth enters in.

/ Positional Truth is the basis for our encouragement with logistical support in time. \

That is what gives us the Hope, which Samantha brought out last week. As A reminder, the 3 Hopes, which you can get the illustrations with those handouts, shows that it is an absolute confidence. That word elpis from which Paul wrote in Col 1:27,

/ **COL 1:27** to whom God willed to make known what the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope (*elpis= absolute confidence*) of glory. \

*****Refer to the sheets**

We see that this holds true because of everything that God IS, I Great I AM. We use the perception of Faith to believe in Him. and without faith it is impossible to please God, so we exercise our faith or flex our spiritual muscles by studying and taking in Bible doctrine, which you are doing now. That gives us hope ... He is called the God of Hope, so that we have confidence in Him as the Object of our faith.

/ **ROM 15:13** Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. \

/ **EPH 1:18** *I pray that* the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, \

/ **EPH 1:19** and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. *These are* in accordance with the working of the strength of His might. \

NOW that is One of God's characteristics Omnipotent, another is that He is Veracity or Truth, therefore He cannot lie,

As Tit 2:1 assures us, "in the hope of eternal life, which **God**, who **cannot lie**, promised long ages ago,"

The Promises of God allow us to rely on Him – Who does the Work? God does and it does not depend on our human good or strength of the flesh. We can do nothing to make ourselves righteous, -----"all have fallen short of the glory of God", His righteousness is a gift as we will see if we get that far. God's grace upon us,

/ **1Co 1:30** But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption, \

God, TLJC remains the object of our faith, always in view and we are to keep our eyes on HIM for good reason. However, here is the real exciting thing about the Church-Age Bel,

/ We are “In Christ”, the mystery that the Apostle Paul was so eager to get out in His Epistle letters to the churches and the entire Gentile world - A message of Salvation and Hope found In Jesus Christ. \

The Jews at this time, did not have exclusive right over the Word, it was to be shared with whomever would lend an ear and hear the good news Paul was commissioned to proclaim.

/ **Col 1:23** if indeed you continue in the faith firmly established and steadfast, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel that you have heard, which was **proclaimed** in all creation under heaven, and of which I, **Paul**, was made a minister. \

/ The statement “In Christ”, “in Jesus”, “in whom”, “In JC” sums up Positional Truth. \

and the Scriptures are full of these encouraging statements and principles regarding the promises of God as recorded by GHS through the human authors. The Apostle Paul was the one who totally understood this mystery doctrine because he got 1st hand revelation and teaching from TLJC Himself. The other disciples did also but did not understand at the time, they remembered later after Paul began to teach and preach the gospel of

Christ Jesus and the advantage we gain when we are “In Him”.

/ “In Him”, is a grammatical phrase which takes the Greek preposition “*en*” plus a dative of advantage of the pronoun or subject noun. \

Paul, as master of the Greek language, use this and other technique to make it understandable to the common with emphasis to his subject. In Him... is used to identify our oneness with Christ. Something that was brand new from the OT teaching, hidden.

In the Gospel of John 15:1, Jesus stated in the parable of the Vine 5 x in the 1st 4 verses, the phrase “in Me”.

/ Joh 15:1-4 - The dative of advantage is the Greek pronoun “*Emoi*”, which translated means “in Me” meaning we are In Him abiding there. \

So, in this case, the advantage is being in union with Jesus Christ. How are we in union with Christ?? ... Right by believing in Him with faith, that He is who He says He is, who He claimed to be. And at the moment of your Salvation, you were Baptized by the Holy Spirit place in union with Him forever. That is the source of positional truth, the way of entering into the new position, the Holy Spirit.

>>>Please turn to 1CO 12, starting in verse 11,

1CO 12:11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills. **12** For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ.

/ **1CO 12:13** For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. \

This explains why spiritual baptism is unique to the CA Bel, this was not a ministry of the Holy Spirit before the events of Acts 2 (day of Pentecost, disciples' baptism of the Holy Spirit) nor will it be following the Rapture of the Church, it is for us in the CA only, unique to our dispensation.

So, it is to the advantage of the CA Believer to be "In Christ" and that we see the importance of Positional truth or what the advantage truly is.

From Pastor's definition of positional truth, it is to our advantage that,

/ Our position in Christ is how God the Father sees us, and this is how we are to view ourselves. \

So, if when we fail, and we will, we are not to look at our condition; only for the fact of repenting as 1Jo 1:9 commands us, Rebound – The Righteousness of God is bestowed upon us.

/ Positional truth is equivalent to position sanctification in which God the Father is completely satisfied with the work of Christ on the Cross. \

/ Positional truth is our guaranteed relationship with Christ in the CA and is key to understanding the purpose of CA and the royal family. \

/ Positional truth is basis for distinguishing between Christianity and religion, namely being born-again, entered in union with Christ by means of baptism of the Holy Spirit at Salvation. \

>>>> Please Turn to ROM 8:28 and I quickly want you to see how Paul was relaying this to his Romans listeners. And we will be in that book of Romans for some other proofs,

Rom 8:28 And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose. **29** For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to become* conformed to the image of His Son, so that He

would be the firstborn among many brethren; **30** and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

>>>Please turn back to Romans chapter 3...

We need to define a few of these fantastic things that happen to us by the Grace of God when we believe in Him for Salvation. We do not have time to look at them all, but maybe you could do some homework and dig them up yourselves, that is If you want to take advantage that for your growth.

The 2 major words we will look at now from the RMBM term book as Pastor recorded them,

/ Justification – A Judicial act of vindication. \

We were born under condemnation, spiritually dead. Justification is an official judicial act that occurs every time anyone believes in Christ.

/ God the Father was satisfied with the substitutionary spiritual sacrifice of Jesus Christ (propitiation Godward side) and by means of Christ's efficacious work the divine righteousness of God is imputed to every born-again believer. \

at the moment of salvation. Simultaneously God the Father sees the righteousness in us, and His justice pronounces it justified or accepted.

/ Justification therefore guarantees our perfect standing as holy and blameless in His eyes forever. \

/ Sanctification – To be set apart for God; is a technical theological term for the status quo of the royal family of God in 3 phases of the PPOG. \

***I'm going to give you these 3 phases: (Note this) - Sanctification in phase 1 and 3 are attained at the moment of salvation, however phase 2 many Positive Volitional decisions for the plan of God.

/ 1. Positional Sanctification is having eternal security, 1CO 6:11 \

With our Salvation (grace gift of God giving us His Son) and His work on the Cross Christ allows us to Inherit the kingdom of God, irrevocable as Rom 11:29, but here in this passage Paul explains in previous verses that the unrighteous will not take part in the Kingdom as was their condition pre-salvation. He starts with... such were some of you but now you, because of the edification work of Christ on the cross, have a new lease on life and

a life eternal. The forgiveness of Sin and the death of the OSN.

/ 1CO 6:11 Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God. \

/ 2. Experiential Sanctification - is residence, function, and momentum inside the PPOG, 2TI 2:21. \

/ 2TI 2:21 Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from these *things*, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work. \

With this comes learning to PMA the BD by means of PVTD, you must constantly breathe doctrine for advancement to be prepared for use and glorification of God. Again the grace of God is upon you to work through you to His glorification for those that mature ... blessings in time and the eternal state.

/ 3. Ultimate Sanctification – is the believer in his resurrection body in the eternal state, 1Co 15:53. \

/ 1Co 15:53 For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality. \

So, we will have a resurrection body just like Christ, what a glorious day that will be!!!

Which is our goal, to eventually be transformed into His image and glorify GOD.

2CO 3:18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the **glory** of the Lord, are being **transformed** into the same image from **glory** to **glory**, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

So starting in Rom chapter 3, we are going to see multiple gifts, blessing and things that are part of the mystery doctrine that the Apostle Paul longed to make know, we are not going to define all these words but know that these promises of God are what will build and give us confidence in time, HOPE 2, as we look forward to the things in Hope 3 or the eternal state of ultimate sanctification. This is what is only part of what it means to be “IN Christ” or have the position truth.

>>> Rom Chap 3, follow me as we turn the pages, Paul writes on many important subjects of positional truth.

Righteousness - Rom 3:21 But now apart from the Law *the* righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, **22** even *the* righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction;

Justification and Redemption – Rom 3:24 being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;

Salvation and Reconciliation – Rom 5:10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. **11** And not only this, but we also exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

Righteousness – Rom 5:17 For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

Eternal life – Rom 6:11 Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Sanctification and EL - Rom 6:22 But now having been freed from sin and enslaved to God, you derive your benefit, resulting in sanctification, and the outcome, eternal life **23** For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Freedom from bondage, sin, guilt – **Rom 8:1,2** Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. **2** For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

Relationship and union – Rom 12:5 so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another

The Apostle Paul was eager to share these messages of mystery doctrine and positional truth, carrying out his calling as he continued with His writings and teaching to the many churches, motivated by his love for Christ. These positional truths are also important pieces for us to learn which is why they were written for our instruction, he continued in 2Co talking about a new spiritual creature and reconciliation.

We must identify where we are in the Spiritual realm,
death to the old man, life in the new man.

/ **2CO 5:17** Therefore if anyone is in Christ, *he is* a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. \

/ **2CO 5:18** Now all *these* things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, \

/ **2CO 5:19** namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation. \

Now that we understand we are sanctified or set apart for God and that we are righteous and eternal that qualifies us to live with Him forever as His Royal Family

seeing that positional truth give us the confidence that God is the one in control.

It makes it easier to move forward of becoming transformed into His image.

/ Positional truth put us in union with Christ, intimate fellowship and we become children of God, 1JO 1:3, 3:1. \

/ 1Jo 1:3 what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ. \

Can you see how great of a privilege it is to know Him, be in Him ... John write so that you also may have what He is offering – a life more abundant that we can not fathom.

/ 1JO 3:1 See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and *such* we are. For this reason, the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. \

Therefore, we are In Christ and we have fellowship, adopted as sons & daughters, and share in the things that He Has accomplished. WE ARE HIS ROYAL FAMILY!!!!!!

In Closing:

/ Positional truth exists in 2 categories:

1. Retroactive Positional Truth and
2. Current Positional Truth. \

These are again right from pastor's term book...

/ 1. Retroactive Positional Truth – to be identified with Christ in His death and burial, Rom 6:4-11. Col 2:12, 3:3. \

>>>>Please turn to Rom 6 now so you can see this in the eye gate as well as the ear gate.

This RPT divorces the Believer from sin and evil as well as the power of the OSN because he is crucified with Christ.

/ **ROM 6:4** Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. \

/ **ROM 6:5** For if we have become united with *Him* in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be *in the likeness* of His resurrection, \

/ **ROM 6:6** knowing this, that our old self was crucified with *Him*, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; \

/ **ROM 6:7** for he who has died is freed from sin.

ROM 6:8 Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, \

/ **ROM 6:9** knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; death no longer is master over Him. \

/ **ROM 6:10** For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God.

ROM 6:11 Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus. \

/ **COL 2:12** having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. \

/ **COL 3:3** For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. \

Not only is the CA BEL identified with Christ in death and burial, but also the CA BEL identification with Christ in His resurrection, ascension, and session (that being our current positional truth).

This is where God did the work of replacing the old position, OSN with the new position, new creature.

/ 2. Current Positional Truth – is identification with Christ as He is seated at the right hand of God the Father in resurrection, ascension, and session. EPH 2:6. \

Now look at EPH 2, starting with verse 1,

EPH 2:1 And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, **2** in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power

of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. **3** Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.

Here it is God sent His SON to do the work and was motivated by the joy set before Him,

.... **4** But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, **5** even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

/ **EPH 2:6** and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus,

/ **Eph 2:7** so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. \

EPH 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God; **9** not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. **10** For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

Pray: I think this is where we should stop for now, and I thank you royal Family. Please bow your heads as we pray.