

Wen Night - 5/24/23 Doctrine of Positional Truth – The Spiritual House building, the Importance of the Believer Priesthood.

Introduction: good evening and glad to be back to mid-week studies...

We ask you to keep this in prayer and as always keep Pastor's health in prayer as well.

Thank you and I think that is all the announcements for now,

Rebound: let's get ready

Pray: Almighty Father, ... , In Christ name we pray Amen

>>>> Open the Word of truth to 1PE 2,

So, as we finished up the implication of positional truth on Sunday and knowing that we have so much privilege to take advantage of when we are In Christ, which comes from the baptism of the Holy Spirit, we are going to take a short detour into the Royal Believer Priesthood.

Now some of this will come from the series I started back about 6 -7 months ago, about building the Spiritual

House, before I had my medical issues, so you may need to remind yourself or go listen to the teachings to get up to speed. However, it fits in perfectly to what our current subject is on Positional truth.

To start we are now going to talk about the Doctrine of the Priesthood.

I'm going to begin this doctrine by giving a preview tonight and then we will weave it together and get into more as we move forward; of course, with emphasis on the Believer Priesthood and the function and privilege we have being "In union with Christ", that is our positional truth doctrine.

And this, building the Spiritual House, is one of the four illustrations I gave you that highlights the **Doctrine of Positional Truth**. Here they are again for you to copy down and do a self-study if you chose to:

- / 1. Vine and Branches, JOH 15:1-17.
2. Part of The Body, ROM 12:4,5; 1CO 12:27.
3. The Bride of Christ, Eph 5.
4. Building the Spiritual House, 1PE 2:4-7. \

/ Building the Spiritual House; 1 Pe 2:4-7. \ let's read that now...

1PE 2:4 And coming to Him as to a living stone which has been rejected by men, but is choice and precious in the sight of God,

(and right here in this verse you see the doctrine of positional truth by Peter telling us “you also” as living stones coming to The Living stone- TLJC and then he gives our purpose...)

I have this on the board:

/ **1PE 2:5** you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. \

1PE 2:6 For *this* is contained in Scripture:

“BEHOLD, I LAY IN ZION A CHOICE STONE, A PRECIOUS CORNER *stone*,

AND HE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED.”

1PE 2:7 This precious value, then, is for you who believe; but for those who disbelieve,

“THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED,
THIS BECAME THE VERY CORNER *stone*,”

I hope you can recall the teachings I gave you and will assume you don't need too much of a summary. We talked about discussed the leadership of Peter and Paul, how Christ is the Rock and the Chief cornerstone of the foundation which Apostles, Evangelist and Pastor-teacher lay in the building process of this massive super-structure that will be in the future, but our part of the Church made up of individual CA BEL, is being constructed right now. The Jews had their construction halted and it will continue the Millennial reign, which will build up their part of this super - structure up and be joined together with Our Spiritual house collectively, with the Lord & Savior Jesus Christ holding it all together.

The entire bible, a record of His-story, is based upon the principle of:

/ God is building a family who will love Him, honor Him, glorify Him and reign with Him forever. \

We see this as He even identifies Himself in terms of family relations: The trinity of Father - Son and Spirit.

God did not need another family or bigger family, he desired such to have one and weaved into His plan for the human race to create us, guide us, bring us to Himself, the building of a Royal family to share with us all that He has and IS.

As we go through this study, I ask you to please Keep Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior in your focus, all eyes on Him, He is the center of everything. And it all goes back to Him, everything for His glory. The Apostle Pau confirms this when we read in Colossians,

/ COL 1:16 For by Him **all things** were created, *both* in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities--
all things have been created through Him and for Him. \

/ COL 1:17 He is before **all things**, and in Him **all things** hold together. \

Your still in 1 Pe2 so look at the next 2 verse: we are being called out to a destiny of privilege sharing things when we are "In Christ."

/ 1PE 2:8 and, “A STONE OF STUMBLING AND A ROCK OF OFFENSE”;

for they stumble because they are disobedient to the word, and to this *doom* they were also appointed. \

/ **1PE 2:9** But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR *God's* OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; \

And for them, Israel and the Jewish race, and this could be considered for the Unbelievers as well in this CA:

/ ISA 43:6-7 “I will say to the north, ‘Give *them* up!’ And to the south, ‘Do not hold *them* back.’

Bring My sons from afar And My daughters from the ends of the earth,

Everyone who is called by My name, And whom I have **created for My glory**, Whom I have formed, even whom I have made.” \

God still has this love that He wants us to see and succeed in this life and come to the Truth.

Some of these principles and verse we are going to repeat, especially from what we saw on Sunday that Christ is High priest, and we how share in the Priesthood due to our position in Him. However, we know repetition is good for us, a doctrinal friend and we always can expand on the teaching when we repeat... You take in more and I must study more to teach you.

So, a great principle comes out of that message, one which is the freedom you have in Christ. You will know the truth and the truth shall set you free ... but too much is given, much will be required. And under that principle we have tremendous privilege in this CA, which brings responsibility. In God's grace, He allows us to function and grow in PPOG by GRACE and that my friends, is done in privacy.

The privacy of the royal or Believer priesthood is based on your PMA of Bible doctrine. It is seen in this statement,

/ CA BEL, it is our advantage that we are in union with Christ and are Believer Priest with the privilege of taking ALL things to God in privacy and the ability to be responsible for ourselves.\

Which means you have the free-will choice about how to live your life, Now you shouldn't live your life loose but it should be what ?? – “as unto the Lord”

We are going open up this Doctrine of the Priesthood and it will take a different path to get us to where we are headed ...

/ 1. Definition - A Priest is a human being that represents people before God. \

In the CA, this can be a male or female, and they represent themselves before God. Representing yourself before God ensures the establishment of privacy. What this develops is a personal responsibility of yourself to God.

Rom 14:4-5 says,

/ **ROM 14:4** Who are you to judge the servant of another? To his own master he stands or falls; and he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand. \

/ **ROM 14:5** One person regards one day above another; another regards every day *alike*. Each person must be fully convinced in his own mind. \

/ **ROM 14:22** The faith which you have, have as your own conviction before God. \

Now a royal priest's, which you are, has the ability of advancing and improving on his-her spiritual life. Although we know, we need to be under a Pastor-teacher to teach us the depths of God's Word, your ability to study His Word is mentored by God the Holy Spirit. And the intake or perception of Bible Doctrine is essential to learn and grow; and that is how God designed it to happen during this dispensation, not upon the advice or interference of other people.

Judge not your brother or sister – give it over to God and leave it there for Him to deal with...You will get your answer and God will make it evident, if the answer is to be revealed to you.

/ **LUK 6:37** “Do **not judge**, and you will **not be judged**; and do **not** condemn, and you will **not** be condemned; pardon, and you will be pardoned. \

You are responsible for yourself, and as a Believer Priest. God has granted us that privilege of going directly to Him, into the holy of holies, before the mercy seat with both gifts and sacrifice, spiritually.

It is up to us, as individually, to take that responsibility seriously, which means all our decisions, thoughts, and actions should be steps to advance in PPOG, not just exist in your salvation never reaching for God’s highest and best, that is what He planned for you in eternity past.

/ 1CO 4:5 Therefore do not go on passing judgment before the time, *but wait* until the Lord comes who will both bring to light the things hidden in the darkness and

disclose the motives of *men's* hearts; and then each man's praise will come to him from God. \

God is a rewarder of those, like you here tonight, who diligently seek Him. I encourage you to do that, so you don't miss out on the blessing in time and those in your portfolio for eternal gain.

In the recorded Scriptures, there are four categories of biblical priesthoods that are mentioned. (All in the book of Hebrews),

/ A. Four Categories of Biblical Priesthood - 3 categories in the OT, and 1 in the NT. \

/ 1. The patriarchal or family priesthood. - the patriarch of the family functioned as the priest for the entire family. GEN 12:4-8; 13:18; 26:22-25; 35:1-2. \

/ 2. The Old Testament king-priest is represented by Melchizedek. GEN 14:18-19; HEB 5:5-6; 7:1-3, 9-17. \

/ 3. The Levitical priesthood of Israel. NUM 3:6-13, 16:5; HEB 10:1-4. \

/ 4. The Believer Priesthood - the universal priesthood of all CA Believers. ROM 12:1; HEB 5:1-10; 10:1-25; REV 1:5-6. \

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The patriarchal priesthood is explained in that the patriarch of each family, being father, 1st born son, leader of the family, was always a male and was considered the priest of the family. They were the ones that represented the family before GOD. This was how it operated under the dispensation of Adam to Moses, before God gave Moses exact commands to the order.

The Patriarch of the family would build altars for sacrifice, perform sacrifices to purify and consecrate themselves and the household. We see many examples of this type

of priesthood, when we read about Abraham, Issac and Jacob.

>>>Turn to GEN 12 as Abram was called out of Haran,

GEN 12:4 So Abram went forth as the LORD had spoken to him; and Lot went with him. Now Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

GEN 12:5 Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot his nephew, and all their possessions which they had accumulated, and the persons which they had acquired in Haran, and they set out for the land of Canaan; thus they came to the land of Canaan.

Gen 12:6 Abram passed through the land as far as the site of Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. Now the Canaanite *was* then in the land.

/ **GEN 12:7** The LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your descendants I will give this land.” So he built an altar there to the LORD who had appeared to him. \

Gen 12:8 Then he proceeded from there to the mountain on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD.

The altar was important to Abram because it was a place to meet with God, to offer sacrifice for sin, to show submission to God, and to worship God.

>>>now look at GEN 13, this was after God promised to make Abram's descendants great, almost innumerable,

16 I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth, so that if anyone can number the dust of the earth, then your descendants can also be numbered.

17 Arise, walk about the land through its length and breadth; for I will give it to you."

/ Gen 13:18 Then Abram moved his tent and came and dwelt by the oaks of Mamre, which are in Hebron, and there he built an altar to the LORD. \

Now in this verse, it is a reminder of the promise given Abram as long as he stays in the plan of God, sound familiar. The continuation of building altars, shows his faith and is a constant awareness that Abram was developing in his priesthood a spirit for sacrificial atoning and covering of sin, just like us when we, Bel priests are aware of the need for Rebound, remember direct access, this is about recovery to fellowship with God.

>>> one more example, of how the torch was passed in GEN 26 Issac picks up duties of the priesthood after Abraham's death.

GEN 26:22 He moved away from there and dug another well, and they did not quarrel over it; so he named it Rehoboth, for he said, "At last the LORD has made room for us, and we will be fruitful in the land."

23 Then he went up from there to Beersheba.

24 The LORD appeared to him the same night and said, "I am the God of your father Abraham; Do not fear, for I am with you.

I will bless you, and multiply your descendants, For the sake of My servant Abraham."

/ **GEN 26:25** So he built an altar there and called upon the name of the LORD, and pitched his tent there; and there Isaac's servants dug a well. \

God kept His covenant with Isaac for **Abraham's sake**. After the same pattern, God keeps His covenant with us for Jesus' sake. Eternal promises, gifts of God that are irrevocable. Isaac takes over the duty of priest from his father Abraham for the family and like him, Isaac has to trust in the Lord and live a life of worship in the same, enjoying blessing because of the proper protocol.

/ 2. The Old Testament king-priesthood is represented by Melchizedek. Gen 14:18-20; Heb 5:4-6; 7:1-3, 9-19. \

The order of King - Priest is in view as we look at this category. Just like Jesus Christ and both in their humanity, held these titles. Some even think of Melchizedek as an OT Christophany, that is **an appearance of Christ in the Old Testament**. Interesting to know that God chose this order of Priesthood, and that Jesus Christ would follow in the order of Melchizedek.

However, Take a look the following Scriptural comparisons:

/ **Melchizedek was**: A priest of the Most High God outside the Levitical priesthood, therefore not a minister of the Law of Moses, which came much later.

Christ is: The ultimate High Priest outside the Levitical priesthood, therefore not a minister of the Law of Moses, which He fulfilled. \

/ **Melchizedek was**: A “king of righteousness” according to a translation of his name.

Christ is: The “King of righteousness” because He purchased righteousness for us on the cross. \

/ **Melchizedek was**: A “king of peace,” as Salem means “peace”.

Christ is: The “Prince of Peace”, who will one day bring a kingdom of universal peace. \

/ **Melchizedek was**: Without a record of parents, having neither his beginning nor end recorded in Scripture.

Christ is: The eternal Son of God, having neither beginning nor end, eternally one with the Father and the Holy Spirit as God the Son. \

Melchizedek was King of Salem, which later became the city of Jerusalem. And as far as we know he was a Gentile believer-priest that lived in the time of Abram(ham) and just as we discussed about the Patriarch priesthood, his priesthood was from being the head of his family. There are interesting things that we derive from scripture and historical references about Melchizedek so,

Let's read Heb 7 to get a picture of this,

Heb 7:1 For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham as he was returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him,

2 to whom also Abraham apportioned a tenth part of all *the spoils*, was first of all, by the translation of *his name*, king of righteousness, and then also king of Salem, which is king of peace.

3 Without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, he remains a priest perpetually.

This tells us that Melchizedek did not have the priestly title due to genealogy, but that he was a believer priest by faith in God and had eternal life.

Now, when we read HEB 5,

HEB 5:4 And no one takes the honor to himself, but *receives it* when he is called by God, even as Aaron was.

HEB 5:5 So also Christ did not glorify Himself so as to become a high priest, but He who said to Him,

“YOU ARE MY SON,
TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU”;

HEB 5:6 just as He says also in another *passage*,

“YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER
ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK.”

God the Father is the one who calls, promotes, and issues Titles, He gave the titles of High Priest to Our Lord in His humanity, just like Melchizedek. This could also explain why we see that Melchizedek was able to bless Abraham because He was given both titles of King-Priest and not just priest, as Abraham was, making him superior or authoritative in order over him.

/ **GEN 14:18** And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; now he was a priest of God Most High. **19** He blessed him and said, “Blessed be Abram of God Most High,

Possessor of heaven and earth; \

/ **GEN 14:20** And blessed be God Most High,

Who has delivered your enemies into your hand.”

He gave him a tenth of all. \

The bringing out of wine and bread from Melchizedek as Priest, was a shadow of what we have right now in the 1 ritual of our royal Priesthood in this CA, communion, a

service of remembrance of Him and the accomplishment of the Cross. And Abram honored Melchizedek by paying him a tithe of 10% of the spoils from the conquering of the kings.

/ 3. The Levitical priesthood of Israel. Num 3:6-13; 16: 5; Heb 10:1-4. \

The Levitical priesthood was based on a natural generation of priest once it was chosen or directed by God. This was through 1st genealogy of Aaron being Priest of the tribes of Israel, Moses's brother, and his sons then established through the Jewish tribe of Levi. This was all commanded by the Lord God.

We read in,

/ **NUM 3:6** "Bring the tribe of Levi near and set them before Aaron the priest, that they may serve him. \

/ **NUM 3:7** They shall perform the duties for him and for the whole congregation before the tent of meeting, to do the service of the tabernacle. \

/ **NUM 3:8** They shall also keep all the furnishings of the tent of meeting, along with the duties of the sons of Israel, to do the service of the tabernacle. \

/ The Tribe of Levi was chosen by God to be the Priesthood to perform the functions and keep the furnishings in order for the people before God. \

Even when they would move around in the desert of the wilderness.

So now that we have come to another shift, I will need show you this Levitical priesthood was lacking something ... even though it served a purpose, it was a shadow of what was to come, namely pointing to Christ the Messiah.

/ **HEB 10:1** For the Law, since it has *only* a shadow of the good things to come *and* not the very form of things, can never, by the same sacrifices which they offer continually year by year, make perfect those who draw near. \

HEB 10:2 Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, because the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have had consciousness of sins?

HEB 10:3 But in those *sacrifices*, there is a reminder of sins year by year.

HEB 10:4 For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

In this reference about the shadow things pointing to Christ, the Hebrew passage continued to, Heb 10:19-20 which we saw last message, Christ Substitutional Spiritual death, poured out as a sacrifice, ushered in a “new and living way” to our Believer priesthood.

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ROM 12:1; HEB 5:1-10; 10:1-25; REV 1:5-6. \

These last 2 categories are what we will be spending more time on, comparing the dispensations to find out the revelation of the shadow things; because now that we learned about our positional truth “In Christ”, we know that we are granted to a sharing of benefits In Christ, in most aspects, like being royalty, sharing in His choosing and election, being sanctified, our priesthood, etc.. but it is important for us to learn more about our way of worship in this CA as a Believer priest.

So, I am led to go back to the Levitical Priesthood so we can learn more detail, for our benefit of application in our positional truth subject.

Moses was chosen to lead God’s people out of the slavery of Egypt and setting up of a place where God would be among them always and they would be able to worship God.

/ The Tribe of Levi was chosen by God to be the Priesthood to perform the functions and keep the

furnishings in order for the people and priests before God. \

>>>>So, will be getting back to discuss the different priesthoods in closer detail, but for now could you please turn to 1Pe 2:8... As we look at the nation of Israel and learn from their holy ways as commanded by God, we understand that in this CA dispensation the rules are different. What God sets in place can be similar but different in each dispensation –

when we offer sacrifices – we do not kill animals, and sprinkle blood on the alter, for Christ was Our Passover Lamb, our sacrifices are different also ... we will see that coming up. The illustration of PT seen through this Spiritual House Building is going to be a combination for you so I hope you can follow, ready here we go...

/ The things of the Jewish past were all mere shadows of the things to come, namely In Christ the Messiah. \

The rituals, the tabernacle, the temple, the things in the temple the worship rituals of the priest, the feasts Sacrifices... that all pointed to TLJC and were meant to

have a way to honor and worship Our God! Eventually in
Glorification!

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for they stumble because they are disobedient to the
word, and to this *doom* they were also appointed. \

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A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION,

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so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who
has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; \

Now Peter, in verse 9, re-focuses his readers about the
importance of your position in Crist and being called and
set apart, or elected and sanctified.

Tabernacle>>>>temple>>>>your body is the temple!

/ 1CO 6:19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? \

There are 2 Greek words used in the NT for the term “temple”. In Mat 24:1

/ Mat 24:1 Jesus came out from the temple and was going away when His disciples came up to point out the temple buildings to Him. \

/ Temple = Hieron = a sacred place, the entire precincts; as in Jerusalem (the mount, building and its structure) \

The other word is

/ Temple = Naos = to dwell in a specific area or a shrine, (referring to the Holy of Holies) \

/ Act 17:24 The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands; /

This is the one (naos=temple) that both Peter and Paul refer to when they discuss this subject in the NT Scriptures. It is the intimate place where you go to get the forgiveness of sin, upon the mercy seat of the ark of the covenant, based on Christ redeemed work of spiritual sacrifice on the Cross, and if you remember from last

message – a freshly slain, which the blood of Christ never gets old that allows us entrance, HEB 10:19

/ HEB 10:19 Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, \

/ HEB 10:20 by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh, \

This ties in perfectly to Peter’s confession of verifying by conviction who He, TLJC was, when Jesus Christ asked the disciples **who do you say I am** “and Peter answered – “The Christ, of the living God” ... after Jesus’ death, burial and resurrection, the temple was still there in Jerusalem and being used by the Jews. However, it had no value!! They still had a spiritual veil over their eyes, However, <<<<New Dispensation>>>>

This was now a time of new things being ushered in by Our Lord Jesus Christ. This is why you had the veil torn in half, that thick enormous veil split in two and now access to GOD, to the mercy seat, holy of holies () another part of The mystery doctrine of the CA.

Sacrificial Death, resurrection power, Ascension, and session at the Right hand of God the Father, the earth being His footstool.... Royal family You stand in Your

Positional Truth, they didn't understand this at time of the crucifixion of Our Lord and still today, still rejected Him!

/ Jesus Christ has the authority on earth to forgive sin and thus made the claim that He was God; MAT 9:6. \

/ Mat 9:6 But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"-- then He said to the paralytic, "Get up, pick up your bed and go home." \

>>> Turn with me to John 2 for a moment, gospel of John chapter 2,

/ Jesus also said the temple was "His Father's house" (dwelling place) and now going to take on a different form; JOH 2:17-22. \

Even though, like many things Jesus taught the disciples-apostles, they did not grasp the meaning until much later when they could apply what they learned. As John shows us here, just like Peter and Paul, they realized the truth to this meaning of our bodies being the holy temple much later in their teachings.

Just like us ... and that is the purpose behind the need for REPETITION... let's read. >>>>

Joh 2:13 The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

Joh 2:14 And He found in the temple(hieron) those who were selling oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers seated *at their tables*.

Joh 2:15 And He made a scourge of cords, and drove *them* all out of the temple(hieron), with the sheep and the oxen; and He poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables;

Joh 2:16 and to those who were selling the doves He said, "Take these things away; stop making My Father's house a place of business."

Joh 2:17 His disciples remembered that it was written, "ZEAL FOR YOUR HOUSE WILL CONSUME ME."

Joh 2:18 The Jews then said to Him, "What sign do You show us as your authority for doing these things?"

/ Joh 2:19 Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple (naos), and in three days I will raise it up.” \

Joh 2:20 The Jews then said, “It took forty-six years to build this temple(heroin), and will You raise it up in three days?”

/ Joh 2:21-22 But He was speaking of **the temple of His **body****. So, when He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He said this; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had spoken. \

Now after this, the physical temple building was destroyed by the Romans in 70 AD, But Jesus is saying the new temple was going to be found in the body of believers – as we are indwelt by all members of the TRINITY. Which happened when Christ ascended into Heaven and

/ He sent the Holy Spirit to be with us, in our body or temple, as a Helper in building the “New” creature minus the operation of OSN. \

This inner sanctuary, the new creature, temple of your body is that word NAOS. And to build the Spiritual House up and operate in it , means you must do it by way of Spiritual worship to God, however we must do away with the sin that so easily entangles us.

Paul tells us how to do that in Rom 6.>>>> please turn there now and we will close here for this session. Rom 6

Believers Are Dead to Sin, Alive to God

ROM 6:1 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase?

2 May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it?

3 Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?

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.

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,

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;

7 for he who has died is freed from sin.

8 Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him,

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

10 For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God.

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

12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts,

13 and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin *as* instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members *as* instruments of righteousness to God.

14 For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

15 What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? May it never be!

16 Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone *as* slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness?

17 But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed,

18 and having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

19 I am speaking in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness, resulting in *further* lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, resulting in

sanctification.

20 For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.

21 Therefore what benefit were you then deriving from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the outcome of those things is death.

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.

What a great picture of knowing Your Positional truth!!

God cannot have anything to do with sin and therefore cannot reside or function in you if you have sin in your life, which is why you must learn to use PSD, especially the Rebound technique, then learn the way to build, by means of the Holy Spirit, the BD, and using the other problem-solving devices to grow to maturity.

Back in Genesis we are told that “God (elohim- FSS) created us in His own image”. He had the blue-print from

the foundations of the world and that in His perfect time, would reveal this to mankind.

The Church, royal family members – we are privileged and have responsibility to carry out PPOG for our lives. However, we must live to the new creature we are in Christ,

/ COL 3:8 But now you also, put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander, *and* abusive speech from your mouth. \

/ COL 3:9 Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its *evil* practices, \

/ COL 3:10 and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him- \

/ COL 3:11 *a renewal* in which there is no *distinction between* Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and freeman, but Christ is all, and in all. \

As I said earlier, are focus should be on Him and it all goes back to The Lord Jesus Christ, He is the epicenter of Salvation – forgiveness of sin and redemption back to God the Father by means of Propitiation of the work He performed on the Cross, and the advantages we now have as we stand in that Positional Truth.

Thank you Royal Family, Let us pray ...until we meet again