

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE NOTES

WOMEN IN THE WORD

Fellowship Bible Church

Our Position in Christ Revealed

Lesson 13 - Spiritual Blessing in Christ

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God had a plan

2 Timothy 1:9 For God saved us and called us to live a holy life. He did this, not because we deserved it, but because that was his plan from before the beginning of time—to show us his grace through Christ Jesus. (NLT)

From death to life

Ephesians 2:4-7 But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, 5 that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!) 6 For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus. 7 So God can point to us in all future ages as examples of the incredible wealth of his grace and kindness toward us, as shown in all he has done for us who are united with Christ Jesus.

In Adam

Condemned

Guilty

Sinner

Enemy

Corrupt

Vulnerable to Satan

In Christ

No longer condemned

Justified

Righteous

Child

Redeemed

Protected by God

Lesson from the Ugly Duckling

2 Corinthians 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.

We need to see ourselves as God sees us, and not who the world says we are. We must see our true reflection, Christ in us. Our position in Christ is our hope for eternity in heaven, but also for the freedom from the power of sin in our lives.

Lesson from the Two Sons

Younger son received back home, as a full son.
His father ran to greet him. Kissed him and gave him...

Robe - covered his filth Jesus covers us with His righteousness

Romans 5:1 Therefore, since we have been declared righteous by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Shoes - Not a slave but son We are children and heirs, not slaves

Galatians 4:4-7 But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. 5 God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children. 6 And because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, "Abba, Father." 7 Now you are no longer a slave but God's own child And since you are his child, God has made you his heir.

Fatted Calf - Celebration Wedding feast

Revelation 19:6-9 Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure"— for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are the true words of God."

Psalm 23:4-5 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ...

The older son rejected his fathers bidding to come in to the feast. He felt he deserved more than the younger son. But when God's economy is based on grace, no one can earn more of it.

Jesus Christ is the center

Colossians 1:15-18. Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see— such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him. He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together. Christ is also the head of the church, which is his body. He is the beginning, supreme over all who rise from the dead. So he is first in everything.

Jesus is the center of the Bible and the center of God's plan, just like the tabernacle was the center of the Israelite camp. He is the way, the light of the world, the truth, the lamb of God, the bread of life, the Word, the gate, the shepherd, the door, the King of Israel, the true vine, the resurrection and the life.

Whatever Christ is - You are identified with Him positionally

Your old man is.... Crucified with Him

Dead with Him

Buried with Him

Your new self is... Risen with Him

Alive with Him

Seated at God's right hand

Accepted in the beloved

Picture of our salvation and position in the Exodus story

Israel

Born slaves

God prepared Moses

God freed them

Passover lamb

Freed from slavery

Freed them from Pharaoh

Destroyed their enemy

Gave them new life & hope

Promised them new land

Believers

Born sinners

God sent Jesus

God saved us

Jesus, our lamb

Freed from the bondage of sin

Rescued us from Satan's grip

Satan will be destroyed one day

Brought us out of death into life

Promises us rest in Him & heaven

Wilderness provisions

Jesus is our Living water and Bread of life - Daily provision

Let us not mentally return to Egypt and depend upon the wisdom of men rather than God.

Let us not “die” in the wilderness because of unbelief. We can choose life (trust God) or we can choose “death” (despair, anxiety, anger, etc)

Romans 8:6 So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace.

Last week we talked about the sin of unbelief - The sin of unbelief in the gospel results in eternal separation from God.

Unbelief of our position in Christ will result in a miserable wilderness journey.

The Law and the Tabernacle

The law revealed Israel’s sin - The tabernacle brought Israel back to God.

Tabernacle

Center of the camp

God’s idea

Jesus

Center of our Christian walk

God’s idea for redemption

Jesus is reflected throughout the structure and the system of worship, as well as repentance and forgiveness in the tabernacle.

God provided the materials for the tabernacle through the Egyptians. God provided even the skills to make the tabernacle through their time as slaves.

God uses our trials to prepare us for worship and also in service to God’s people who are in a trial like ours.

The gift of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is our seal and guarantee of our inheritance. He is the deposit. He leads us into spiritual understanding; the truth of God’s Word and who we are in Christ.

Sisters, you are loved and cherished by the King of Kings. He has lavished upon you the riches of His inheritance. He has given you all things for life and Godliness. He has redeemed you and made you holy. He has clothed you with His righteousness. He has rescued you from slavery and brought you to Himself. He offers you daily rest in the comfort of His wings. When the God of the universe is for you is there anything to fear?

Romans 15:13 I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Praise be to God, He is good!!