

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE NOTES

WOMEN IN THE WORD

Fellowship Bible Church

Our Position in Christ Revealed

Lesson 9 - Acceptance - "In Christ"

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The foundation of our Christian life

1. Our position in Christ is founded upon facts from the Word of God.
2. Our position in Christ is not progressive. It is complete at salvation.
3. Our position in Christ is not subjective or based on earning it by good works or any type of merit system.
4. Our position in Christ is eternal; unchanging.
5. Our position in Christ is known through divine revelation from the Word of God and spiritually understood by the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Our Christian walk should be an experience of growth which comes from the foundation of our position in Christ.

Brought near to God

How near? Just as near to God as Christ is to the father.

Near - *Ephesians 2:13 But now you have been united with Christ Jesus. Once you were far away from God, but now you have been brought near to him through the blood of Christ.*

Reconciled - *2 Corinthians 5:18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:*
(Romans 5:10)

Redeemed - *Colossians 1:14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*
(1 Peter 1:18, Romans 3:24)

Given access - *Ephesians 2:18 For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.*
(Eph 3:12, Rom 5:2, Heb. 4:14-16, 10:19-20)

Children of God

Once you are born into the family you cannot be un-born. You cannot change your DNA. At salvation you are born again of incorruptible seed.

Born again - *1 Peter 1:23 For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.*
(John 1:12, 3:7)

Children of God - *1 John 3:2 Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.*
(2 Cor 6:18, Gal 3:26)

New creation - *2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!*
(Gal 6:15, Eph 2:10)

Adopted - *Romans 8:15 The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."*
(Gal 4:5)

Heirs - *Galatians 4:7 So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.*

Totally acceptable to God

Justified - *Romans 5:1 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,*
(Rom 3:24, 8:30, 1 Cor 6:11, Titus 3:7)

Righteous - *Philippians 3:9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.*

(Rom 3:22, 5:17, 10:3-4, 1 Cor 1:30, 2 Cor 5:21)

Sanctified - *1 Corinthians 1:30 It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.*

(1 Cor 6:11, Heb 10:10)

Made perfect - *Hebrews 10:14 For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.*

(Heb 10:1-2 - results of being made perfect.)

Accepted - *Ephesians 1:6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.*

(1 Pet 2:5)

Forgiven - *Colossians 2:13 When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins,*

(Col 1:14, 3:13, Eph 1:7, 4:32)

Complete - *Colossians 2:10 and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.*

Forever united and joined with Christ

Crucified - *Romans 6:6 For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—*

(Gal 2:20)

Dead - *Romans 6:8 Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.*

(Col 3:3)

Buried - *Romans 6:4 We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.*

(Col 2:12)

Raised - *Colossians 3:1 Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand.*

(Rom 6:4)

Ascended & Seated - *Ephesians 2:6 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.*

Jesus' very own Possession - Bride

His gift - *John 6:37 However, those the Father has given me will come to me, and I will never reject them.*

(Jn 10:29, 17:6, 11, 12, 20)

His bride - *2 Corinthians 11:2 For I am jealous for you with the jealousy of God himself. I promised you as a pure bride to one husband—Christ.*

(Eph 5:25-32, Rev 19:7, Jn 3:29)

His inheritance - *Ephesians 1:18 I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called—his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance.*

His possession - *Ephesians 1:14 who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory.*

Blessed with the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit living within us is so we can understand spiritual things, He is our deposit, seal or guarantee that we belong to God, and He guides us in regard to conviction and our daily walk.

Baptized (identified with Him) - *1 Corinthians 12:13 For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.*

Indwelt - *1 Corinthians 6:19 Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself,*

(1 Cor 2:12, John 7:39, Rom 5:5, 8:9, 2 Cor 1:21, Gal 4:6)

Sealed - *Ephesians 1:13-14 And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.*

Cared for by God

Objects of His love - *Ephesians 2:4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,*

(Eph 5:2, 1 John 3:1)

Objects of His grace - *Romans 5:2 God's law was given so that all people could see how sinful they were. But as people sinned more and more, God's wonderful grace became more abundant.*

(Eph 2:7-8, Titus 2:12-13)

Objects of His power - *Ephesians 1:19-20 I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms.*

(Phil 2:13, 1 Pet 1:5)

Objects of His faithfulness - *Hebrews 13:5 Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."*

(Phil 1:6, 1 Cor 1:8-9, Jude 24)

Objects of His peace - *Philippians 4:7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

(Phil 4:9)

Objects of His encouragement - *2 Thessalonians 2:16* *May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope,*
(Rom 15:4-5)

Objects of His intercession - *Hebrews 7:25* *Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.*
(Rom 8:34, Heb. 9:24)

Heavenly home assured

We are currently living as strangers and exiles on this earth, far from our true home. But our heavenly home is assured and our inheritance is waiting, kept safe by God Himself.

Heavenly citizens - *Philippians 3:20* *But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ,*
(Eph 2:19, Heb 12:22)

God's household - *Ephesians 2:19* *Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household,*
(Eph 2:19, Gal 6:10)

Heavenly inheritance - *1 Peter 1:3-5* *Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.*
(Eph 1:14, Col 3:24, Heb 9:15)