

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE NOTES

WOMEN IN THE WORD

Fellowship Bible Church

Our Position in Christ Revealed

Lesson 6 - The Lord Jesus Christ

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God made Christ the center of everything.

Colossians 1:15-20 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. 16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. 19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

From the beginning to the end of this earth, Jesus is the focus. He is the reason for creation. He is the reason we exist. He is the reason we are in the family of God. He is the reason we have hope. He is the reason we are called holy, blameless, righteous, beloved. He is the reason we have a future in heaven.

God has woven prophecy of Christ and types of Christ throughout the entire Old Testament.

The whole sacrificial system - A picture of Christ
the perfect lamb
blood shed
atonement for sin

Joseph a picture of Christ -

loved by his father.
rejected by his brothers
sold for silver

God raised Him to be a mighty ruler
rejected by his own, but was accepted by others
Joseph supplied life/food

Moses was a type of Christ
The tabernacle was a type of Christ
The priests who make atonement
The ram that took Issac's place on the altar

Christ is the center of God's plan, we are the object.

It's important for us to know who we have been made.

As we saw in last year's study - God takes the un-worthy, un-able or un-likely people and uses them so there is no doubt about the hand of God in the situation.

Spiritually God does the same for us today. God says, "I am going to change your identity so that you don't have to depend upon your own efforts to live the Christian life and glorify me."

What has God done for us?

2 Corinthians 5:17 This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! (NLT)

Galatians 2:20 My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. (NLT)

Colossians 3:1-3 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. 2 Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. 3 For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God. (NLT)

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, (NLT) Honor God with your body

Ephesians 5:8-9 For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light! 9 For this light within you produces only what is good and right and true. (NLT)

Romans 6:22 But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. (NIV)

1 Peter 1:23 since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; (ESV) verse 22 says, love one another earnestly from a pure heart.

Romans 6:6-8 We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. 7 For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin. 8 And since we died with Christ, we know we will also live with him. (NLT)

Knowing WHO you are is key to BEING who you are.

Knowing who Christ has made you is key to living the Christian life. Your position, as a new creation (at salvation) is the root of all growth (being conformed to the image of Christ) in your Christian life.

When we ignore the root (what Christ has given us at salvation) we end up trying in our own effort to live the Christian life, and it is exhausting!

Knowing and believing our position in Christ will affect and even determine our daily condition and our daily struggle or victory over sin.

2 Peter 1:3-4 By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence. 4 And because of his glory and excellence, he has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share (be partakers of) his divine nature and escape the world's corruption caused by human desires. (NLT)

God thought of everything and God provided everything.

At the center of God's gifts to us is Christ Himself and the new life we have in Him and the freedom from the bondage of sin.

We are being conformed to the image of Christ

We are IN CHRIST, (position), but God is also conforming us to the image of Christ on a daily basis (condition/sanctification).

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 by the Spirit of the Lord. (NKJV)

Beholding His glory we are changed into the same image. We shall be like Christ because we shall see Him as He is (1 John 3:2).

We need to grow in the knowledge of the Scriptures. There is no other place to find out what God is like.

"Whatever Christ is, His people are in Him. They are crucified in Him, they were dead in Him, they were buried in Him, they were risen in Him; in Him they live eternally, in Him they sit gloriously at the right hand of God, 'who has raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.' In Him 'we are accepted in the beloved,' both now and forever; and this, I say, is the essence of the gospel; he who does not preach Christ, preaches no gospel. . . . Christ Himself is the life, soul, substance, and essence of the mystery of the gospel of God" (Spurgeon).