

A BELIEVERS POSITION VERSUS CONDITION

I. Two truths and realms of existence

- A. 1 Corinthians 1:2; 1:30 Position
- B. 1 Corinthians 3:3; 5:1, 2 Condition
- C. Spiritual versus Natural

II. God's purpose has never changed

- A. Genesis 1:26; Romans 8:29 The image of His Son
- B. Need to understand what God did by placing us In Christ
- C. 2 Corinthians 5:17
 - 1. At salvation we do not fully know or comprehend what has passed away or all that has become new.
 - 2. God's process is to renew our mind to it

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III. Our Position versus our Condition

The truths and reality of:

Our Position

Our Standing

Our Calling

What God **DID**

Who we are “In Christ” in the spirit

Result of the work of Christ

Becomes ours at salvation

Perfect & cannot be improved

Is the same for every believer

Is wholly based on grace

The truths and reality of:

Our Condition (Our Practices)

Our State

Our Walk

What we are to **DO**

Who we are “in the natural”

Result of our work & faithfulness

Becomes our responsibility after

Can improve or get worse

Can vary from other believers

Is the basis for future rewards

POSITION

CONDITION

Standing (Spiritual)

Can Change

State (Natural Condition)

Spiritual

In fellowship
Controlled by Spirit
Imitates God
Glorifies God/Fulfills Law
Gold, silver, precious stones

Carnal

Out of fellowship
Controlled by flesh
Imitates unbeliever
Produces evil (sin)/Human good
Wood, hay, stubble

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1 Cor. 1:2 Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called (*to be*) **saints**, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:

1 Cor. 1:30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and **righteousness**, and **sanctification**, and redemption:

1 Cor. 3:3 For ye are yet **carnal**: for whereas there is among you **envying, and strife, and divisions**, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?

1 Cor. 5:1 It is reported commonly that there is **fornication** among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife. 2 And ye are **puffed up**, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you.