

# 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

Standing (Spiritual)

# CONDITION

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.