

WHERE TO START RENEWING OUR MIND

I. Spirit, Soul, and Body

A. 1 Thessalonians 5:23

B. Ephesians 2:1-3

II. Positional Truths

A. 2 Cor. 5:17; 1 Cor. 15:20, 21 In Christ realities

B. Positional – changes in our standing & status before God

C. Experiential – actual experience, condition, & walk before God

III. Why Positional Truths

A. They reveal all the past tense facts of our redemption that make our relationship with God possible.

B. They establish the order of grace first, God's work in Jesus 1st, as the basis for our living the Christian life.

C. How to recognize them:

1. Descriptions of our new standing before God like “in,” “with,” “by,” “through,” Him or Christ

2. Doctrines that reveal a work or action done in the past (Cross)

POSITIONAL TRUTH

Truths that:

Describe a spiritual fact, truth, or reality.

Pertain to the spiritual realm, heavenly realm, and in our spirit.

Uncover all of what was credited (charged/imputed) to our account for being **In Christ**.

Reveal how God views us as to our standing & status (rights/privileges) before Him

Tell me what was **DONE** for me by grace

POSITIONAL VERSUS EXPERIENTIAL TRUTH

Standing (Spiritual Position)

1. The result of the work of Christ on the Cross.
2. It becomes ours by faith in Jesus Christ the moment we are saved.
3. It is perfect and complete.
4. Our standing is the same as every other child of God.
5. Our standing is entirely based on grace.

State (Natural Condition)

1. The result of our work, faithfulness, and practice.
2. It becomes ours by our day to day walk & working out our salvation .
3. It can improve or it can get worse; it can fall short of perfection.
4. Our state is not the same as every other child of God.
5. Our state is based on our faith and obedience; it is the basis of our rewards.