

POSITIONAL GRACE TRUTHS FOR GROWTH

I. Positional Grace Truths

- A. 2 Cor. 5:17; 1 Cor. 15:20, 21 In Christ realities due to grace
- B. Changes in our **position**, **standing** & status before God that occur at salvation spiritually but unseen and unfelt by us
- C. Contrasted with our **condition**, **state**, actual experience, walk before God, and present behavior

II. Differences in our position vs our condition

- A. 1 Cor. 1:2 vs 1 Cor. 3:1-3 Saints but carnal
- B. Eph. 2:6 vs seated today
- C. Eph. 5:8 Now are you light; walk as children of light
- D. Heb. 10:14 vs Phil. 3:12; Heb. 13:21
- E. Eph. 1:6 vs 2 Cor. 5:9
- F. 2 Cor. 5:21 vs 1 Tim. 6:11
- G. Eph. 4:24 vs 2 Cor. 7:1

POSITIONAL TRUTH - EXPERIENTIAL TRUTH

Standing (Spiritual)

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)

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.

OUR STATE CAN CHANGE

Standing (Spiritual)

State (Natural)

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