

WHAT'S NEW WITH YOU

I. What it means to be in Christ

- A. 2 Cor. 5:17; Eph.2:6; Rom. 5:2 - A new identity/position/standing
- B. Changes in our spiritual identity/position/standing before God that occur at the point of salvation which reveal the “all things have become new” in the new creation IN CHRIST are called positional truths
- C. Contrasted with our actual state, condition, walk, and present behavior
- D. Every Believer shares in them equally & must accept them by faith because they happened to us spiritually and are all unseen & unfelt.
- E. Rom. 12:1 – 3; Col. 3:10 - Mind renewal should focus on these truths first.

II. Our Standing (Position) vs Our State (Condition)

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

What we **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

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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.

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Bible Truths Address the Differences between Our Standing vs Our State

- A. 1 Cor. 1:2 vs 1 Cor. 3:1-3 Called saints but carnal
- B. Eph. 2:6 Seated in heavenly places vs seated here physically 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 Perfected forever; yet not perfect
- E. Eph. 1:6 vs 2 Cor. 5:9 Accepted yet labor to be accepted
- F. 2 Cor. 5:21 vs 1 Tim. 6:11 Made righteous; yet follow after righteousness
- G. Eph. 4:24 vs 2 Cor. 7:1 Created in true holiness yet perfecting holiness