

RENEWED INCENTIVES

I. So blessed to be “In Christ”

- A. Eph. 1:3-8
- B. Positional truth

II. The Bible’s overall message is full of hope

- A. Eph. 2:11-16
- B. Rom. 8:31-39

III. Taking sin seriously

- A. Rom. 6:1, 2; Heb. 1:9

- B. Know this that when we sin:

1. Rom. 5:12 - We participate in what brought all the misery, disease, & death
2. 1 Jn. 3:8 - We align ourselves with satan, God’s enemy
3. Eph. 4:27 - We open the door to the devil to dominate our mind & body
4. Gal. 6:7, 8 - We may reap consequences long after the guilt is removed
5. Rom. 8:19-22 – We participate in what cursed the Earth/nature/creation
6. Eph. 4:30; 1 Tim. 4:2 – We grieve the Holy Spirit & sear our conscience
7. Is. 53:5, 6 – We cooperate with the thing that sent Jesus to the Cross & Hell