

50 POSITIONAL TRUTHS

#11: All Sins Have Been Removed

While the term “salvation” is often limited to “saved from Hell,” there is so much more to biblical salvation. The word ‘salvation’ is used in the Bible to indicated the work of God in behalf of man. Too much emphasis cannot be placed on the fact that now, according to the Bible, *salvation is the result of the work of God* for the individual, rather than the work of the individual for God, or even the work of the individual for himself. As used in the New Testament, the word salvation may indicate all or part of the divine undertaking. The fifty positional truths constitute part of God’s great work of salvation for the believer.

Positional truth #11, “all sins have been removed,” has caused confusion to some Christians because of the mandate to confess sins. Why would a believer need to confess his sins (1 John 1:9--1 John is all about fellowship not salvation), if all sins have been removed?

To understand how this works necessitates the understanding of the three tenses of salvation as revealed in Scripture: *the past*, or that part of the work which is wholly accomplished in and for the one who has believed; *the present*, or that which is now being accomplished in and for the one who has believed; and *the future*, or that which will be accomplished to complete the work of God in and for the one who has believed.

The past—every child of God *has already been* saved, perfected and forgiven from the guilt and penalty of all sin (Luke 7:50; Acts 16:30, 31; 1 Cor. 1:18). The present—every child of God *is to continue* to be saved from the temporal power and domination of sin (which includes confession), John 17:17; 1 John 1:7-9; Philip. 2:12, 13. The future—every child of God *will be* saved from the presence of sin when he enters into the very presence of God after his earthly life. Rom. 13:11; 1 Peter 1:3-5; 1 John 3:1-2. There are even passages which all time aspects are combined: “Being confident of this very thing, that he which began a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ” (Phil. 1:6), also see 1 Cor. 1:30; Eph. 5:25-27.

Positional truth:

#11 Positionally, all sins have been removed by the death of Christ on the cross.

1 Peter 2:24 and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross,

Romans 4:25 *He* who was delivered up because of our transgressions, and was raised because of our justification.

Colossians 2:13 And when you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions,

Like every believer, positionally, I am in Christ, Christ is in me, I have been bestowed with the righteousness of Christ, I have been perfected in Christ, forgiven of all trespasses, and united in God perfected forever. However, in time, experientially I am far from these perfections.

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