

50 POSITIONAL TRUTHS - #2: Election

It is very important for every believer to understand the difference between his *standing* and his *state*. A believer's standing before God is his eternal position in God whereas his state deals with his temporal life with God. The Christian's position (standing, positional truth) is one of perfection—it cannot change: it cannot be diminished or improved. Perfect is perfect. The Christian's state, on the other hand, has to do with his temporal life on earth, and it is always changing: no one remains the same in his experiential fellowship due to growth or retrogression in the spiritual life. The believer's standing is permanent. He possesses a permanent relationship with God regardless of where he is experientially. What a privilege to be chosen personally by God Himself! What a blessing to be eternally secure in God because of the person and work of Jesus Christ!

Positional truth

#2: Election. God elected or chose each believer to be in His family. This election was not based on works or on any inherent worth. The election is according to God's grace alone. No one earns or deserves election. This election was not decided or gained in time, and it cannot be dissolved or lost in time.

Ephesians 1:4 just as **He chose us** in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him.

1 Thessalonians 1:4 knowing, brethren beloved by God, **His choice** of you;

1 Peter 1:2 **Elect** according to the foreknowledge of God the Father,

Romans 8:33 Who will bring a charge against God's **elect**?

Colossians 3:12 And so, as those who have been **chosen** of God,

Titus 1:1 Paul, a bond-servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the faith of those **chosen of God** and the knowledge of the truth which is according to godliness,

In Him,

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