

50 POSITIONAL TRUTHS

#28: Qualified

Positional truth is one of the most important things for a believer to learn. It distinguishes Christianity from religion. Religion is a works system whereby man attempts to earn the favor of God and be acceptable before Him based on personal performance. There is no security in religion. In religion a person supposedly earns salvation by works and can lose that salvation by the lack thereof and by sin and evil. In religion a person could be saved at breakfast and be lost before lunch time. For example, a Roman Catholic could go to Mass and do all of their religious activity after breakfast, but then if they commit some mortal sin before lunch and happen to die in that “carnal” state they go straight to Hell—according to Roman Catholic theology. Not only could one “lose his salvation” in Catholicism, this is also true in many protestant churches as well—Arminian sects: like Methodist, Pentecostal, Charismatic, Episcopalian, Wesleyan. Actually, there are very few believers who promise unconditional eternal security for the one who trusts in Christ for salvation. Even those who “teach” eternal security can’t seem to keep from making qualifications, e.g., “that person [involved in some “horrendous” sin] must not have really been saved,” and similar blather from many Baptists and Presbyterians. Thank God for the likes of Lewis Chafer, founder of Dallas Seminary, for his stalwart emphasis on positional truths, an emphasis that was further developed by subsequent doctrinal pastors.

One reason that so many lack confidence in eternal security is because they have not been taught the positional truths. Apart from knowledge of positional truths, the believer evaluates his life based on his *experiential status* instead of *positional status*. This underscores the importance for the positional truths to be taught to the new believer as soon as possible. Moreover, these 50 positions not only guarantee eternal security, they provide untold treasures for which the believer is to draw from for spiritual growth and glorification of God (cf. Rom. 6:1-11).

All 50 positional truths underscore the activity of God—each Member of the Trinity—on behalf of the human being who accepts God’s free gift of grace by faith alone in Christ alone. It is the epitome of arrogance to think that a human being can cancel out the work of one Member of the Trinity, let alone all three.

God the Father was the one who qualified us to share in ultimate inheritance. Qualified is *hikanoo* (ἱκανόω), which has the idea of “authorizing or empowering” us to share in the inheritance. We all start out helpless and condemned and fully deserving of Hell. It was God the Father who qualified us with the inheritance of heaven and all of those blessings that are awarded to believer who lives out the spiritual life and continues advancing in God’s marvelous supergrace.

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Colossians 1:12 giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.