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50 POSITIONAL TRUTHS

#40: Within the "Much More" Care of God

Positional Truth #40 emphasizes the fact that once a person believes in Jesus Christ he comes under the "much more" care of God. This much more care includes being recipients of much more of His love, grace, power, faithfulness, and intercession.

THE MUCH MORE THAT EVERY BELIEVER RECEIVES AT SALVATION:

Love: But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us (Eph. 2:4); and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you, and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma (5:2). At salvation the believer moves from being under the general spiritual love God has for all mankind (John 3:16) to the special family love of God because of being in union with Jesus Christ and sharing in the work and person of Jesus Christ.

Grace: For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God, Eph. 2:8; But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift, 4:7. Through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God, Rom. 5:2. For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, ¹² instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age, Titus 2:11-12. Before salvation a person is under the common grace of God (Matt. 5:45), but after salvation he comes under the saving grace with additional logistical grace assets for all of the resources to execute the spiritual life and move into the supergrace life.

Power: And what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might, Eph. 1:19; For it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure, Philip. 2:13. While God as Esse gives esse to all men including the power and capacity to make free choices in life, after salvation a person receives divine power to overcome kosmos diabolicus which is required before one can truly love and choose God, 1 John 2:15-16. Only the believer has divine power to be truly free. All others make choices based on naturalistic pre-existing conditions.

Faithfulfulness. Let your character be free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, "I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you," Heb. 13:5; For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus, Philip. 1:6. At salvation the believer enters the family of God and as such becomes the recipient of greater faithfulness of God. We have His Word that no matter what He will never forsake us.

Intercession. Hence, also, He is able to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them, Heb. 7:25; who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us, Rom. 8:34; "I ask on their behalf; I do not ask on behalf of the world, but of those whom Thou hast given Me; for they are Thine, John 17:9. Note that in the above last verse Jesus Christ explicitly notes that unbelievers are not part of His special ministry of intercession. What a blessing to know that no matter where we are in the plan of God, the Lord Jesus Christ continues to pray for us. Each of us has His personal support to move forward in the spiritual life. Wow!

In Christ,

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