

50 POSITIONAL TRUTHS #6: Reconciled *by* God

There are at least 50 positional truths regarding our standing or position in Christ. Our standing is different from our status. Our standing is permanent, irrevocable, and cannot be improved or diminished. This is unlike our status which fluctuates between carnality and spirituality or supergrace and reversionism.

Positional truth is one of the basis for distinguishing between Christianity and religion. There is no religion on the earth that teaches the permanence and perfection of standing in God. As a matter of fact, most “Christian” denominations know nothing of the eternal security that is reflected in positional truth (e.g., Roman Catholic, Pentecostal, Charismatics, Presbyterianism, Church of Christ, et al.). As a matter of fact even the Calvinists really have no concept of permanent position that the believer can *enjoy*—because after all he might not really be one of the “elect.”

Positional truth:

#6 Reconciled by God. Reconciliation is the removal of all obstacles between God and the one who accepts Jesus Christ as Savior. With the removal of all obstacles (sin, evil, -R) there is a relationship of peace between God and the believer. Prior to reconciliation the believer was at enmity with God, reconciliation changes the enmity to peace and gives the believer access to God. In the Scriptures, the term “reconciliation” is applied to both God and man.

2 Corinthians 5:18 Now all *these* things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ, and gave us the ministry of reconciliation,¹⁹ namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

This passage not only speaks of reconciliation of the believer by God, it also speaks of reconciliation of the world. There is some sense in which the judicial state of the world is altered by the death of Christ. Christ’s work as High Priest not only provided for our permanent reconciliation, but by paying for all sins even the entire world stands in a different relationship to God with regard to those sins. Sin is no longer the issue.

In Him,
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