

50 POSITIONAL TRUTHS #8: Redeemed

It is important for every Christian to understand the difference between *standing* and *state*. Standing deals with his position in God by virtue of salvation and entering into the family of God. This position is one of perfection. Once the believer is a son of God, he is son forever. The same is true in the natural realm. Our children will always be our children no matter what. Regardless if they press on to maturity or if they live out their lives in reversionism. They will always be our children. Every Christian stands perfected before God because every believer is in Jesus Christ. Every believer has the very righteousness of Christ imputed to him.

State is quite another matter. State deals with my condition in this world. It is involved with what kind of a child I am as a member of God's family. What is the nature of my walk with the Lord? At best, one can say it is imperfect. It will vary from day to day. I may or may not live under the power of the Holy Spirit. I may or may not make sure that I continue to feed on the Word of God daily and maintain my spiritual progress.

The Christian perfect position and standing is a great motivation for the believer's daily state. One of its many blessings is that it keeps the believer from becoming religious in some effort to get God to accept him. He is already accepted in the Beloved (Eph. 1:6).

Positional truth:

#8 Redeemed. At its most basic meaning "redemption" means to buy or buy back, whether a purchase or a ransom. Inevitably, then, the emphasis of the redemption image is on our sorry state—indeed our captivity—in sin which made an act of divine rescue necessary. We were all ransomed by the work on the cross. The price paid for our freedom from Satan's domain was the atoning death of God's Son. His life was forfeited for our freedom. Once we were the slaves of sin; now we are the slaves of Christ, and His service is the true freedom—the Christ-centered life! Note in the following passages how redemption is a past act and a present standing and how it is totally unrelated to our daily status or walk with the Lord. We are secure by His Grace:-).

Colossians 1:14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

1 Peter 1:18 knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers,

Romans 3:24 being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;

In Him,

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