

50 POSITIONAL TRUTHS

#9: FREED FROM ALL CONDEMNATION

There are two categories of grand truths for every believer's life. There are positional truths and experiential truths. Positional truths are those realities in our permanent position or standing in and before God. They deal with our standing in God and are non-experiential. This does not mean that positional truths cannot evoke strong emotions as the believer recognizes his spiritual wealth and security before God. It is just that those positional truths in and of themselves are non-experiential. For example, we cannot feel the truth that we are positionally seated in the heavenlies with Christ (Eph. 2:6). However, while a believer cannot experientially *feel* seated in the heavenlies, he can emotionally appreciate that blessed truth.

One reason the teaching of positional truths is so lacking in contemporary Christianity is because it does not "offer" what sensate Christianity is looking for—some immediate emotional high or simplistic moralizing lesson. However, apart understanding the security in positional truth, the believer will morph the spiritual life into some type of performative religious "relationship" as he seeks for security in his experiential life. We must never look for security in our experience or in religion (Christianity is not a religion; it is a relationship with Jesus Christ). We must look to the Word of God. We must look to those positional truths for security.

Positional truth:

#9 Freed from all condemnation (katakrima/punishment). Unfortunately, a lot of Christians feel condemned. As a result they spend their whole lives frustrated by ongoing defeats to indwelling sin nature. They are totally unaware of the positional truths which demonstrate that every believer has been freed from all condemnation. Every believer is justified, sanctified, and perfected in his position in Christ. What a blessing to know that no matter how many times we may have failed, we have been permanently and positionally freed from all condemnation because of what Christ did on the cross! Understanding that not only is great for spiritual self-esteem, it frees the believer to serve God out of love for His grace (instead of trying to earn His approbation on the religious treadmills of life).

Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

John 3:18 "He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

John 5:24 "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.

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