

OUR POSITION IN CHRIST

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TWO TRUTHS

Situational truth: describes our current condition. It is the reality or state we are in now.

- It is the current reality of what is happening in our life now.

Positional truth: describes our condition as God sees it **IN** Christ.

- It is our position in the heavenlies being complete in Christ.

*Colossians 2:10 (nlt) So you also are **complete through your union with Christ**, who is the Head over every ruler and authority.*

The Bible declares five things about our POSITION found in Christ:

We are CRUCIFIED with Christ.

United with Him in His atoning death.

We are BURIED with Christ.

United with Him in burying deep in the tomb all that belonged to our old nature.

We are RISEN with Christ.

United with Him in His victory over the power of sin, and death.

We are ASCENDED with Christ.

United with Him in His endless life and in His unlimited access to the resources of God.

We are ENTHRONED with Christ.

United with Him in His ultimate triumph over Satan, and all his powers of darkness.

Our Position is being SEATED WITH CHRIST in the heavenlies.

Our seated position reveals our relationship with God achieved by the finished work of Christ.

This describes our legal position as written and sealed in the Word of God.

This is what Jesus has done for us!

These five things are not in the future - they are true of us **NOW IN CHRIST!**

They describe the position we already hold in Christ.

They provide a basis upon which we can embrace God's ability to work in our daily lives.

God never looks at a believer separate from Christ. He only sees us complete in Christ.

God's desire is what is true of us positionally will be experienced in our daily lives.

PRINCIPLE

When our faith confession matches our heavenly position, then our earthly situation will begin to match our confession.

Change our **confession** and **actions** through **faith**, and our **situation** will also **experience change**.

American Evangelist F. F. Bosworth said,
"A spiritual law that few recognize is that our confession rules us. It is what we confess with

our lips that really dominates our inner being. Nothing will establish you and build your faith as quickly as confession. The confession of your lips that has grown out of faith in your heart will absolutely defeat the adversary in every combat. God can be no bigger in you than you confess Him to be.”

- Fear and faith are both a **matter of choice**.
- They **cannot coexist together** as light and darkness cannot.
- **Fear** and **defeat** will put our **circumstances** between us and God.
- A **faith filled confession** will put **God** between us and our circumstances.
- **Fear** will **attract** to itself **defeat**.
- **Faith** will **attract** to itself **victory**.

The **choice** is ours and it starts with our **confession**.

No matter what our earthly state might be, we must declare ourselves by faith to be now all that God says we are and have in Christ.

God's desire is what is true of us **positionally** may also become true **situationally**.

Through our confession and faith application of this truth we will begin to see the gap close between our legal position in the heavenlies and our current reality on earth.

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