

POSITIONAL TRUTH (part two)

Teleiology is a theological term used to describe the study of spiritual growth maturity in CWL.

(Heb.5:14) “But solid food is for the mature (teleios), who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.” (Matt.4:4)

We are presently studying **12 Church Age doctrines** that are essential for spiritual growth maturity in CWL. Positional Truth is the **sixth doctrine** in this series of lessons.

If you haven't already done so, I would encourage you to review the audio and study notes on our previous five doctrines posted on our Church's web site, www.doctrinalstudies.com they are: Grace, Dispensations, Spirituality, the Faith Cycle and The Will of God.

Positional Truth is a doctrinal term that we will use to describe the theology of new covenant sanctification (hagiosmos).

“The NT presents the doctrine of sanctification in three aspects: positional, experiential, and ultimate sanctification.” (Unger Bible Dictionary, pg.966)

Hagiosmos, the Greek word for sanctification consists of (hagios) [holy or saint] and the suffix (mos) [the act of being set apart to God's holiness].

<p style="text-align: center;">Today's lesson is part two of the doctrine of Positional Truth We will study five additional aspects of New Covenant Sanctification</p>

1. Positional Truth covers a fourth aspect associated with the theology of new covenant sanctification (RAPT).

(1 Cor.15:22) “For as in (en +locative of place or position) Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive.”

Every member of the human race is born “in Adam.” This brings us to Retroactive Positional Truth (RAPT).

RAPT identifies every member of the human race “in Adam” with the spiritual death of Jesus Christ on the cross.

(Eph.2:5-6) “Even when we were dead in our transgression (judicial charges of AOS), made us alive together with Christ [by grace you have been saved] (1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9), and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places **in Christ Jesus.**” (1 Pet.2:24)

RAPT is necessary for New Covenant Sanctification to take place:

(1 Cor.6:11) “And such were some of you; but you were washed (Titus 3:5; Eph.5:26) but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in the Spirit of our God.”

2. The Greek word for sanctification is hagios/mos (hagios) [holy or saint] and suffix (mos) [the act of being set apart to God's holiness].

Sanctification occurs at the moment of grace salvation as part of the package of 50 Things a Church Age Believer (CAB) receives that he can never lose in time or eternity

(Acts 26:18) “To open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me.”

This is called **Positional Sanctification** (In Christ). The moment a person believes the gospel of Jesus Christ, he is placed into union with Jesus seated at the right hand of God by the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

(Col.2:12) “Having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.” (Rom.6:3-5)

3. We teach Positional Sanctification as Current Positional Truth (CPT) (Gal.3:27) “For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed your selves with Christ.”

CPT teaches that every CAB is clothed with 20 status privileges, part of the 50 Things received at the moment of grace salvation (in Christ).

10 STATUSES

Brethren (1 Thess.1:4-5) Firstborn (Heb.12:23-24) Beloved (Rom.1:6-7) New creation (2 Cor.5:17)
Chosen (Eph.1:4-5) Child of promise (Gal.3:29) son of God (Gal.4:4-7) son of light (1 Thess.5:4-8)
Eternal life (1 John 5:11-13) Righteousness (2 Cor.5:21)

10 PRIVILEGES

Ambassador (2 Cor.5:18-21) Lord’s freedman (1 Cor.7:22-23) Body of Christ (1 Cor.12:12-27)
Calling (2Tim.1:9) Citizen (Phil.3:20) Heir (Rom.8:17)
Eternal Inheritance (Heb.9:15-18) Priest (1 Pet.2:5, 9) Saint (2 Thess.1:10-12)
Living stone (1 Pet.2:4-5)

4. Experiential Sanctification is the CAB walking by means of the indwelling Holy Spirit. (1 Cor.6:19-20; Gal.5:16). We call this Experiential Position Truth (EPT).

EPT teaches that the indwelling ministry of the Holy Spirit is the absolute source of spirituality of every CAB saint (Gal.5:22-23; Rom.8:9-11; 2 Cor.7:1).

Walking in the flesh and committing personal sin does not change a CAB’s position “in Christ.” But it does affect his walk by means of the Holy Spirit (1 John 1:9; Eph.4:30; 1 Thess.5:19; 1 Cor.3:1-3).

Walking by sight (worldliness / cosmos diabolicus) and in reversionism does not change our position ‘In Christ.’ But it does affect our being transformed by the Will of God into conformity with Christ. (2 Cor.5:7; Rom.12:2; Eph.4:23; 2 Cor.10:5; Col.3:2).

5. Ultimate Sanctification is CAB in the eternal presence of the Lord Jesus Christ.

(1 Thess.5:23) “Now may the God of peace Himself **sanctify you entirely**; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (Eph.5:26-27; 2 Thess.1:10)

We call this Ultimate Positional Truth (UPT). Paul taught that when the CAB is absent from the body (death) he is immediately in the presence of the Lord (2 Cor.5:6-8; John 14:1-3).

Ultimate Sanctification means that the CAB can never be separated in time or eternity from Jesus Christ.

(Rom.8:38-39 “For I am convinced that **neither death, nor life**, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor heights, nor depths, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Jude 24-25; 1 John 5:11-13; John 10:28-30)

SANCTIFICATION IS: “God setting the believer apart for Himself: positionally at salvation, progressively throughout life, and ultimately when the believer arrives in His presence in heaven.” (Basic Theology by Ryrice, pg.630)