

REDEMPTION OF THE BODY

We are currently studying Creation from (Romans 8:18-27).

We always look for Greek markers in our passages. For example, we used the word **groaning (stenazo)** to divide (Rom.8:18-27) into three sections for study:

- (Rom.8:18-22) Creation
- (Rom.8:23-25) Christian
- (Rom.8:26-27) Comforter

Our context opens with the explanatory conjunction ‘gar’ [for] to connect (Rom.8:18) (glory) (doxa) to (Rom.8:17) (glorified) (doxazo).

“**Glorify**” was one of two markers important to our lesson, Redemption of our Body. It is used three times (Rom.8:17, 18, and 21).

The our second marker important to our lesson is “**wait eagerly** (apekdechomai) [waiting for what?].” It was used three times to teach, Redemption of our Body (Rom.8:19, 23, and 25).

(1 Cor.1:7) “... **waiting eagerly the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ.**”

<p>This lesson will study <u>four aspects</u> of Redemption of our Body.</p>

1. The whole creation waits eagerly for our “redemption of our body.”

(Rom.8:23) “And not only this (Ref: Rom.8:18, 19, 21, 23, 25), but also we ourselves [Church Age Believers] having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves within ourselves, **waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.**”

2. What is Paul is saying?

He is stating that the resurrection of the Church Age Believer is the **final stage** of the Church Age Believer’s **adoption** as a son of God (Rom.8:23) **and the sealing** of The Holy Spirit (Rom.8:29-30) **glorify** [read] and **redemption** (Rom.8:23).

(Eph.4:30) “Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by Whom you were **sealed for the day of redemption.**” (Eph.1:13-14)

3. Every Church Age Believer gets his resurrection body at the Rapture, whether alive or deceased (1 Thess.4:13-18; 1 Cor.15:51-58; 2 Cor.5:1-5).

(2 Cor.5:2) “For indeed in this house we **groan** longing to be clothed with our dwelling from heaven.” (2 Cor.5:4; 1 Cor.15:35-49; 1 Cor.15:37)

(1 Cor.15:51) “Behold, I tell you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, **but we shall all be changed.**”

(1 Cor.15:52-53) “The dead will be raised imperishable, and **we shall be changed**. For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and the mortal must put on immortality.”

(1 Cor.15:57) “But thanks be to God, who gives us **the victory** through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

(2 Cor.5:6-8)

(1 Thess.4:16b-17) “The **dead in Christ shall rise first**. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and **thus we shall always be with the Lord**.”

(1 Cor.15:17) “If (1st Class Condition => true) Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless, you are still in your sins.”

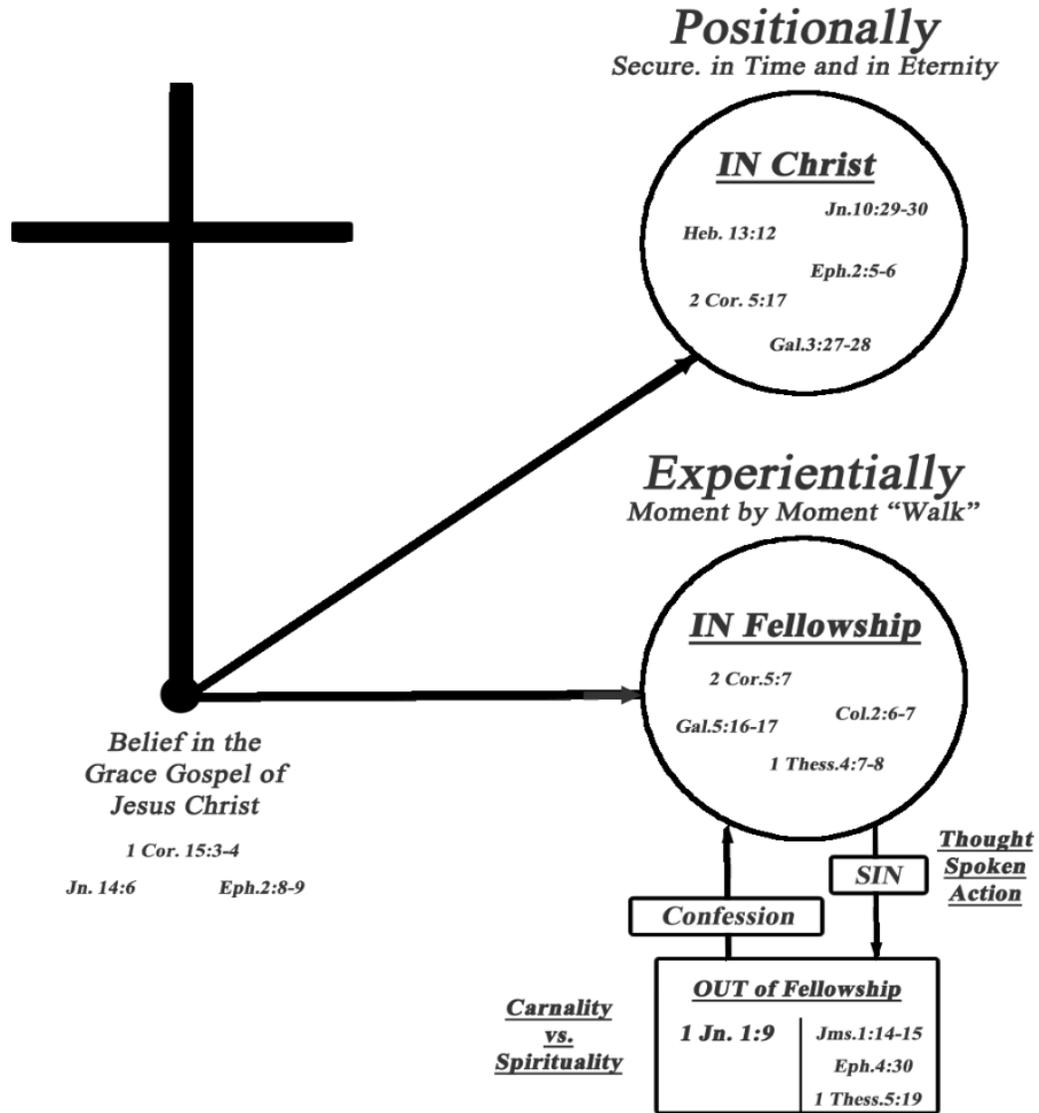
4. Our position in Christ is based on His death, burial, resurrection, ascension-session.

In New Covenant theology, this is called **Positional Sanctification**.

Three categories of Positional Sanctification:

- **RAPT (Retroactive Positional Truth)** identifies the church age believer with the death of Jesus Christ (Rom.6:3-4, 10-11).
 - It would include the 13 judicial charges removed and the 9 factors of communion established.
 - It would be identified with the cross of Jesus Christ.
- **CPT (Current Positional Truth)** identifies the church age believer with the resurrection-ascension of Jesus Christ (Eph.1: 3; 2:6; Col.2: 12; 3:1; 1 Pet.1: 4-5).
 - It would include the 8 works of the Holy Spirit and 20 status privileges of royal family.
 - It would be identified with the top circle from the cross.
- **EPT (Experiential Positional Truth)** identifies the church age believer with the indwelling ministry of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor.6: 19-20; Rom.8: 9; Gal.3: 2-3).
 - While RAPT and CPT deal with victory over the penalty of Adam's Original Sin, EPT deals with victory over the power of the old sin-nature (Gal.5: 16-17).
 - It would be identified with the bottom circle from the cross and spirituality. (John 7:38-39; 1 John 1:7-10).

Illustration of how the three Categories of Positional Truth ‘Work’



What does the Bible say?

(Col.3:3) “For you have died (RAPT) and **your life is hidden with Christ in God (CPT).**”
(Jn.10:28-30)

(Gal.2:20) “I have been crucified with Christ (RAPT); and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God (EPT), who loved me and gave Himself for me.”

(Col.3:1-2) “Therefore ‘if (1st Class Condition ‘if’ => true) then you have been raised up with Christ (CPT), keep seeking (zeteo/ p.a.impv.2pl) things above (EPT), where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above (EPT), not on the things that are on earth.” (positional sanctification)

(Col.3:4) **Eternal Promise:** “**When Christ**, who is our life (he zoe), is revealed, **then you** (every Church Age Believer) also will be revealed with Him in glory.”