



Sunday, April 19, 2026
Foundations for the Believer to Live the Spiritual Life.

The Transformed Life.

3. The Christ-Centered Life, (continued).

Positional Truth is the Foundation for Growth and Change.

When you understand your Position in Christ Jesus, (i.e., your union with Jesus Christ), it can protect you from man's and Satan's substitutes for spirituality, as you understand the spiritual victory you have been given over sin and the OSN, the flesh. No longer do you have to be overcome by the power of sin, because now you have the Spirit of Christ in you that defeated sin and Satan, **Rom 6-8**. In addition, the baptizing work of the Holy Spirit entered you into Union with Jesus Christ, (the victor over sin, Satan, and death), which now makes you co-identified with His victory, giving you the same victory, **Rom 6:3-5; 1 Cor 12:12-13; Col 2:12**.

1 Cor 12:12-13, "For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ. ¹³For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit."

Rom 6:3-5, "Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, in order that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection."

Col 2:12, "Having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead."

Positional Truth (being in Union with Jesus Christ) means we share in all that Jesus is in His Person and work, as we share in what He did, is doing, and will do. Thus:

- As He died to sin, so we too have died to sin.

Rom 6:3, "Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?"

- Through the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, we too have been buried with Christ.

Rom 6:4a, "Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death..."

- As He rose from the dead, so have we.

Rom 6:5, "For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection."

- As Christ has a new life post-resurrection, so do we.

Rom 6:4b, “...in order that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.”

- After Jesus’ ascension, He was seated at God’s right hand, so too are we.

Eph 2:5-6, “Even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus.”

- As He is the Son, so we are now sons.

Gal 3:26-27, “For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁷For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.”

- As He is eternal life, so we have eternal life.

Rom 6:22-23, “But now having been freed from sin and enslaved to God, you derive your benefit, resulting in sanctification, and the outcome, eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

- As He is perfect righteousness, so we too have His perfect righteousness in us.

Phil 3:9-11, “And may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from *the* Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which *comes* from God on the basis of faith, ¹⁰that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; ¹¹in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.”

- Now that we have new life in Christ with His perfect righteousness, we can experience that life through faith application, walking in the newness of life, overcoming the temptations of sin, **Rom 6:6-14.**
- Having been freed from the slave market of sin, we have a new life of righteousness to live in Christ. Therefore, we try to NOT go back to that old life of slavery to sin, because we have been made overcomers, **Rom 6:15-23.**
- We now are empowered to overcome empty and deceitful philosophies, lies, and deceptions, **Col 2:6-15.**