

POSITIONAL TRUTH: THE CHRISTIAN IN CHRIST**THE GRACE BIBLE INSTITUTE**

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INTRODUCTION:**A. The Importance of “In Christ” Truth:**

All that is positive from God’s perspective is in Jesus Christ. When the Believer understands that at the very moment of his salvation he was placed in Christ, he begins to have insight into the divine perspective. At that time, he sees that everything positive pivots around being in Christ. “All that I am as a believer is what I am and have in Christ. Anything I am or have outside of Christ is nothing.” If this is true, it is only logical that the Believer would strive to learn what he is and has in Christ. –

Pro. David K. Spurbeck, The Christian in Christ

B. Questions to Answer

1. What Does It Mean to Be in Christ?
2. How Did the Believer Come to Be in Christ?
3. Where Was the Believer Prior to Being in Christ?
4. What Is the Christ?
5. How Can the Believer Relate to Our Position in Christ?
6. How Does Being in Christ Relate to the Believer Overcoming Our Spiritual Enemies
7. What Are the Benefits of Being in Christ?
8. What Is the Relationship between the Believer’s Position in Christ and Christ’s Indwelling?
9. What Are the Responsibilities of the Godhead in the Believer Being in Christ?
10. What Are the Past, Present and Future Implications of the Believer Being in Christ?

C. Key Terms

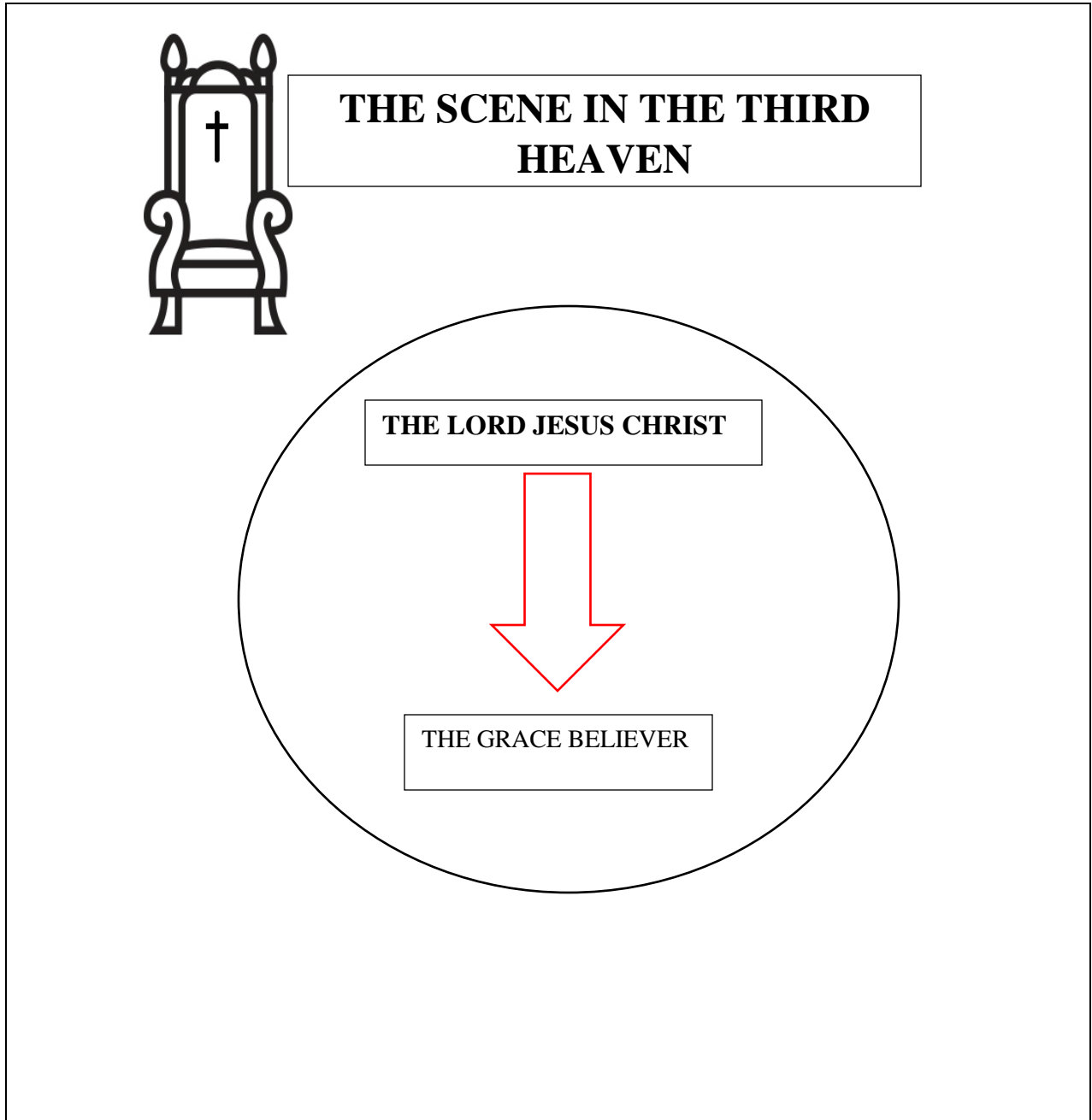
1. Biblical
 - a) In Christ (in Christ Jesus Our Lord, in Jesus, in the Lord, in Him, in Whom)
 - b) Spirit Baptism – the work of the Holy Spirit in which He takes those elects individuals out of the spiritual family of Adam and places them into Christ at the time of God’s call of them to salvation
 - c) Regeneration – the work of the Holy Spirit in which He after Spirit Baptism causes an individual believing Saints to be spiritually born anew into the family of God
 - d) Greek Prepositions: In (εἰς), Into (εἰς), Through (διὰ), Together With (σύν)

- e) Abide (Dwell) – the idea of the Believer mentally framing his mind on and being at ease in our shared position in Christ with the result that the indwelling Persons of the Godhead are able to do the same
 - f) The Right Hand – the current place of residence for the Son and the place where God the Father counts the Believer to spiritually be
 - g) Propitiation – the result of the cross-work of the Son allowing for the satisfaction of God’s outraged righteousness in the Person of the Son
 - h) Sanctification – the positional reality for the Believer in Christ in that we are set apart to God by being in Christ who is holy
 - i) Righteousness – the positional reality for the Believer in Christ in which we were counted to have acted right through the righteousness of the Son and our position in Him
 - j) Counted – that which is true in the mind of God the Father who is able through His omniscience to call those things that aren’t reality for man as though they are reality (Rom. 4:17)
 - k) Glorified – the is accounted the glory that exist in Christ when we are saved, we have the potential for showing forth positional glory in the present (2 Cor. 3:18) and we have shall be glorified together with Him through our position at the Rapture (1 Jn. 3:2)
 - l) Redemption – the act of God in which He accounts the purchase by the blood of Christ to the individual believer freeing him from the penalty of sin
 - m) Reconciled – the accounting of God the Father to the Believer in which He no longer has to deal with us a sinner and one outraging His righteousness and can now allow us to draw near to Him through our position in Christ and by His cross-work
 - n) Intercession – the work of the Son from the Right Hand of the Father in which He advocates to God the Father on behalf of the sinning Believer
2. Extra-Biblical (Theological)
- a) The Cross-Work – the actions of Christ taken on behalf of sinful man (the death for sin) resulting from a prior agreement with God the Father
 - b) Position – the present reality of the Believer in Christ resulting from the Baptism of the Holy Spirit after the Believer believes the facts of the gospel and includes those things counted to the Believer by God the Father
 - c) Possessions – those things the Believer has as a result of being born into the family of God

D. Statement of Positional Truth

1. Neglect to the Study of Position Has Occurred Due to the Intangible Nature of the Subject. The Believer Can Touch, Taste, See, Feel or Smell Our Position in Christ and So to Many It Is Not Important. Yet It Is the Foundation to Everything the Believer Has and Wishes to Have in Salvation.

Think of Our Position in Christ as a Position on a Team, Workforce or any Organization. It Is Not a Physical Thing That Needs to Be Handled but a Spiritual Truth of Which We Enjoy Special Privileges and Benefits.



2. The Definition of “In” – in the locative sense, it refers to someone or something (Believers) being in a fixed place or position. There are borders or boundaries around the place where an individual resides denoting that individual or thing belongs to the place where he resides. In the case of the Believer, this relates to our position in Christ. We are seen by God the Father as being in Christ, seated at His Right Hand in Heaven. We are enclosed by the security and protection of the Divine Persons spiritually and are afforded the benefits of Their instruction and protection when we will frame our minds around this spiritual reality. The position is not seen physically, but is a reality spiritually.

I. THE ORIGINS OF THE BELIEVER IN CHRIST

SEE SCHEDULE OF THE DECREE CHART

- A. The Decree (The Father Declare the Believer to Be in Christ)
1. Collectively
 - a) Chosen to Be in Christ before the Foundation of the World – Eph. 1:4
 - (1) The Believer Was Chosen (εξελεξαται¹) at a Point in Time
 - (2) The Believer’s Election Was before the Foundation of the World
 - (a) Foundation (καταβολη – katabole’) – (away from) Mt. 13:35, 25:34; Lu. 11:50; Heb. 4:3, 9:26; Rev. 13:8, 17:8; (before) Jn. 17:24; 1 Pet. 1:20
 - (b) World (κοσμου – kosmos) – Relating to the Organization of Human Beings
 - (3) The Purpose
 - (a) Positional Holiness
 - (b) Positional Blamelessness
 - b) Marked off Beforehand to Be into Christ – Eph. 1:5
 - (1) Predestinated (προορισας) – marked of boundaries
 - (a) God’s Limitation of Circumstances Allowed to Individual Believers
 - (b) Allows for Believers to Exercise Their Own Will Within Certain Limits
 - (c) God’s Perfect and Permissive Will Are Found within the Borders of His Marking off of Borders in Believers Lives
 - (2) God Marking off the Borders Allows the Believer to Be Placed as Son’s in Christ
 - (a) Son Placement (υιοθεσια) – has the idea of one reaching the age of maturity within a house where he can receive the rights and privileges of being a son
 - (b) This Is Accomplish through Jesus Christ
 - (c) The Marking off of Borders Is down from the Good Pleasure from God’s Will
 - c) Obtained an Inheritance after Having the Bounds of Our Lives Marked off Beforehand – Eph. 1:11
 - (1) Believers Have Been Made an Inheritance in Christ
 - (a) Obtained an Inheritance (εκληρωθημεν)
 - (b) The Believer Was Passively Made into an Inheritor
 - (c) It Is because of God’s Reckoning and Our Position in Christ
 - (2) The Decree

¹ Thayer’s Lexicon – (εκ “out from” and λεγω “to speak or say”) to pick out, choose

Friberg’s Lexicon – (1) choose out, select (2) choose from among (a number); (3) choose for (some purpose); (4) chosen

- (a) God Purposed for This to Happen in Christ
- (b) God Marked off the Bounds Beforehand So That It Would Take Place
- (c) God Energizes All Things Down from the Divine Counsel
- d) Called Us and Freely Gave Us Grace in Christ Jesus – 2 Tim. 1:9
 - (1) The Work of God the Father in Salvation
 - (a) He Saved Us
 - (b) He Called Us (Call to Salvation)
 - (2) The Believer’s Salvation
 - (a) The Call to Salvation Was down from His Purpose
 - (b) The Call to Salvation Was down from His Grace
 - (c) The Things Given to the Believer Were Freely Given in Christ Jesus Prior to Chronological Time as It Pertains to Ages
- e) Promised Eternal Life through Christ before the World Began – Tit. 1:2
 - (1) Eternal Life
 - (a) Quality Not Quantity
 - (b) Comes from the Indwelling of the Son (1 Jn. 5:12)
 - (2) Promised by an Unlying God
 - (3) Prior to the Chronology That Pertains to Ages
- 2. Individually
 - a) God Set Believers in the Body of Christ as Was His Desirous Will – 1 Cor. 12:18
 - (1) Set (εθετο – from tithaymi) – to set or place in a certain position
 - (2) The Individual Members of the Body of Christ Were Place as Such with the Giving of a Spiritual Gift by God the Father
 - (3) This Was Done in the Manner That the Father Willed
 - (a) “As” – καθως (Adverb of Manner)
 - (b) “It hath pleased Him” – (ηθελησεν) – He desirously willed
 - b) God Allowed Men to Be Saved by Preaching According to His Good Pleasure – 1 Cor. 1:21
 - (1) The World Is Not Able to Have and Experiential Knowledge of God by His Wisdom
 - (2) Believers Are Able to Come to Salvation through What the World Sees as Foolish in Preaching because of God’s Good Pleasure
 - c) God Called Paul in Time in Accordance with His Decree and Separated Him because of the Gospel – Rom. 1:1 (cf. 2 Cor. 6:17)
 - (1) Paul’s Call to Salvation from God the Father Was with the Gift of Apostle
 - (2) Paul Was Separated² because of the Gospel of God – cf. Ac. 13:2; 2 Cor. 6:17

² Separated (αφωρισμενος) – (απο – away from; οριζω – borders or boundaries) – Positively: to separate, distinguish, designate; Negatively: to exclude,

- d) God Chose Paul to Be Separated for the Work He Would Do Prior to His Being Born According to His Decree and Called Him to It in Time – Gal. 1:15
 - e) God Provides the Energy for the Believer to Do of His Good Pleasure in Time Which Is in Accordance with His Decree – Phil. 2:13
 - (1) God the Father Provides the Energy through Our Position in Christ and by the Holy Spirit
 - (2) The Energy Is Provided to Be Willing and Doing of His Good Pleasure
 - (a) Willing (θελω) – when the desirous will of the believer is brought into conformity with that of God the Father in the Christian Life
 - (b) Doing – (ενεργεω) – when the believer is allowing the energy from God to be used in his Christian Walk
 - (c) Good Pleasure – the Good Pleasure of the Father that comes down from the Decree
- B. The Upper Room (The Son Laid the Foundation for the Work That Would Place the Believer in Christ)
- 1. Chapter 13 – The Lord Establishes the Foundation of Love as the Energy by Which the Body Will Function
 - a) It Is Demonstrated by the Washing of the Disciples Feet – vss. 1-15
 - (1) The Foundation for the Washing – vss. 1-3
 - (a) Christ Had Expressed Love for His Disciples over the Course of His Earthly Ministry (αγαπησας) – vs. 1
 - (b) Christ Expressed His Love for Them because It Was a Quality of Fulfillment of Time (ηγαπησεν) – vs. 1
 - (c) Christ’s Knowledge of Judas’ Trespass of Betrayal – vs. 2
 - (d) Christ’s Knowledge of Knowledge of What Was Given to Him from the Father – vs. 2
 - (i) All Things
 - (ii) His Origins as a Man
 - (iii) His Future as the God Man
 - (2) The Action of Washing – vss. 4-8
 - (a) The Lord Washes the Feet of Each Disciple – vss. 4-5
 - (b) The Lord’s Expectation of Future Knowledge of the Washing – vss. 6-8
 - (3) The Explanation of the Washing – vss. 8-15
 - (a) Prompted by Peter’s Failure to Understand the Spiritual Significance – vss. 8-9
 - (b) The Spiritual Purpose and Result of the Washing – vss. 10-11
 - (c) The Relationship of the Spiritual Washing to the Ability to Love – vss. 12-15
 - b) It Is Required of Those Who Desire to Properly Serve the Lord – vss. 16-38
 - (1) Serving Others Is Required because of the Master’s Example – vss. 16-19
 - (a) Because of the Master’s Superiority to the Servant – vs. 16

- (b) Because of the Blessedness Imparted to Those Who Served – vss. 17-18
 - (c) Because of the Proof of His Deity through Their Future Ability to Serve – vs. 19
 - (2) Receiving the Holy Spirit Is Indicative of the Reception of the Master – vs. 20
 - (a) The Reception of the One the Son Was About to Send
 - (b) The Reception of the Son
 - (c) The Prediction of Indwelling of the Son and Holy Spirit
 - (3) Betraying the Master Was Indicative of One Incapable of This Kind of Love – vss. 21-30
 - (a) The Prediction of Betrayal among the Disciples – vs. 21
 - (b) The Response of the Disciples to the Prediction (with Each Other) – vs. 22
 - (c) The Questioning of the Lord Concerning the Perpetrator – vss. 23-29
 - (d) The Departure of the Perpetrator – vs. 30
 - (4) Loving Is Indicative of One Fulfilling the New Commandment – vs. 31-38
 - (a) The Glorification of the Son by the Father – vss. 31-32
 - (b) The Glorification of the Father through the Son by the Believer (Loving) – vss. 33-35
 - (c) The Confusion of Peter – vss. 36-38
2. Chapter 14 – The Preparation for the Future Position and Provisions for the Believer
- a) The Security of the Believers Place in Heaven – vss. 1-11
 - (1) The Necessity of Their Faith into Christ – vs. 1
 - (a) The Disciples Had Been Comforted as a Result of Having Believed because of God the Father
 - (b) The Disciples Could Be Comforted in the Future because of Believing into the Son
 - (2) The Preparation for the Believer’s Abode in Heaven – vss. 2-3
 - (a) The Preparation of a Specific Dwelling Place for Each Believer – vs. 2
 - (b) The Reception of the Believer to That Dwelling Place at the Rapture – vs. 3
 - (3) The Way of Entrance – vss. 4-11
 - (a) The Factual Knowledge of the Way (οἶδα) – vs. 4
 - (b) The Confirmation of the Way – vss. 5-11
 - (i) Thomas Questions the Knowledge of the Way – vs. 5

- (ii) The Revelation of the Way by the Lord – vs. 6
 - (iii) The Revelation That the Way to the Father Is through the Lord – vs. 6-11
- b) The Benefits of the Change in Communication – vss. 12-14
- (1) The Power Provided by the Son’s Going to the Father – vs. 12
 - (a) The Power Is Supplied by Believing into Christ
 - (i) The Greek Preposition ΕΙΣ Is Used to Express the Removal of the Disciples from One Place and Placement into Another
 - (ii) From Law Belief into Grace Belief (cf. Jn. 1:12)
 - (c) The Power Is Provided to Do the Works Christ Accomplished
 - (i) Empowerment from the Spirit
 - (ii) Reflect Christ Character in Action (Context – Love)
 - (c) The Power Is Provided Only after He Went to the Father
 - (i) Reference to the Preparation for the Believers Position at the Right Hand
 - (ii) Made Possible by Christ Going to the Father
 - (3) The Ability to Ask in the Character of the Son – vs. 13
 - (a) The Communication (Asking) in the Character of the Son
 - (b) The Resulting Glorification of the Father through Proper Communication
 - (3) The Ability to Receive through the Character of the Son – vs. 14
 - (a) Asking Communication with the Father Would Be in the Character of the Son
 - (b) Asking Communication Will Be Answered When in the Character of the Son
- c) The Sending of Another Comforter – vss. 15-31
- (1) The Commandment to Love the Brethren – vs. 15
 - (a) The Believers Ability to Love³ the Lord Is Predicated on Him Keeping the Lord’s Commandments
 - (b) The Lord Commanded That His Disciples Believe into Him (cf. vs. 1)
 - (c) The Lord Commanded That His Disciples Love one Another (13:34)
 - (2) The Capability to Love the Brethren by the Future Filling of the Spirit – vss. 16-24

³ Friberg – love, especially of love as based on evaluation and choice, a matter of will and action; (1) toward persons *love, be loyal to, regard highly*; (2) toward God; (3) from God; (4) toward things *value, delight in, strive for; long for*; (5) *show love*

- (a) Generated from the Son's Request of the Father – vs. 16
 - (b) Granted by the Father by the Sending of the Holy Spirit – vss. 17-18
 - (i) He Makes His Request to the Father as an Equal (after His Ascension)
 - (ii) He Will Send Another of the Same Kind (Deity) of Comforter
 - (iii) He (The Holy Spirit) Would Abide into the Age
 - (c) Perceived by the World Only with the Indwelling – vs. 17
 - (i) The Inability of the World to Receive the Spirit
 - (ii) The Inability of the World to Experiencially Know the Spirit
 - (iii) The Ability of the Disciples to Experiencially Know the Spirit
 - (iv) The Dwelling of the Holy Spirit (Alongside of and In)
 - (d) Validated by the Future Relationship to the Son – vss. 18-21
 - (i) His Giving of the Holy Spirit until His Return – vs. 18
 - (ii) His Imputation of Life through the Giving of the Holy Spirit (Resurrection Life) – vs. 19
 - (iii) His Provision of Position and Possessions – vss. 20-21
 - (iv) His Explanation of His Manifestation through the Believer – vss. 22-24
 - (4) The Capability to Recall the Things Taught by the Son in the Upper Room by the Power of the Holy Spirit – vss. 25-31
 - (a) Taught by the Son While He Was on Earth – vs. 25
 - (b) Reinforced by the Holy Spirit at the Proper Time – vs. 26-29
 - (i) He Would Bring the Teaching of the Lord to Their Remembrance⁴ – vs. 26
 - (iii) He Would Cause Them to Manifest the Character of the Son because of Position – vss. 27-28
 - (iv) He Would Cause Them to Have Faith in Their Present Tense Salvation – vss. 29-31
3. Chapter 15 – The Future Ability to Abide in Christ and the Activation of His Indwelling
- a) The Expectation to Abide in Christ in Order That Christ Could Abide in the Believer – vss. 1-7
 - (1) The Anatomy of Position Likened to a Vine and Branches – vs. 1
 - (a) The Son Is the Vine
 - (i) He Is the One from Which All the Branches Grow – cf. Col. 2:19⁵

⁴ Remember (μνημονευω) – cf. Jn. 15:20, 16:4; Ac. 11:16, 20:35

- (ii) He Is the Bases from Which the Branches Are Established – 1 Cor. 3:11; Eph. 2:20
- (c) The Father Is the Farmer (cf. Jas. 5:6)
 - (i) The Father’s Plan (Decree)
 - (ii) The Father’s Dresses the Vine
- (d) The Grace Believer Is a Branch of the Vine
 - (i) The Believer Will Bear Fruit
 - (ii) The Believer Will Be Purged in Order That He Might Bear Fruit
 - (iii) The Believer Would Be Positionally Cleaned by the Things Spoken by the Lord
- (3) The Vine-Dressing of the Husbandman – vss. 2-3
 - (a) The Farmer Takes Away Unfruitful Branches (cf. Rom. 8:29, 12:2 “Conformed”)
 - (i) He Chastens – 1 Cor. 11:27; Heb. 12:1
 - (ii) He Can End His Will for the Believer on Earth
 - (b) The Farmer Takes the Branches Bearing Fruit through a Purging Process
 - (i) The Fruit from the Spirit – Gal. 5:22; Eph. 5:9
 - (ii) Through Adversity God Produces More Fruit – 1 Thess. 3:6; Heb. 10:34
 - (iv) The Potential for Their Cleanliness Was the Work the Holy Spirit Was About to Do Which Was Spoken before by the Lord – vs. 3
- (4) The Availing of a Position to Abide – vs. 4-5
 - (a) The Means of Christ Abiding in the Believer – vs. 4
 - (b) The Means for the Believer to Bear Fruit – vs. 4
 - (c) The Inability to Produce Fruit apart from the Source – vs. 5 (cf. Phil. 4:13)
- (5) The Liberty to Abide – vss. 6-7
 - (a) The Chastening of the Believer That Doesn’t Abide – vs. 6
 - (b) The Communication of the One Abiding – vs. 7
- c) The Experiencing of the Fruit from the Spirit from Abiding – vss. 8-14
 - (1) The Father Is Glorified by the Expression of Love from the Believer Abiding in Our Position – vss. 8-10
 - (a) The Father Is Glorified by the Believer Living in Our Position – vs. 8

⁵ Nourish (επιχορηγεω) – to supply; 2 Cor. 9:10; Gal. 3:5; 2 Pet. 1:5, 11

- (b) The Father Loved the Son and That Love Is Made Available to the Believer When Living in Our Position – vs. 9
- (c) The Believer Is Able to Abide in His Love by Keeping His Commandment (Abide, vs. 1 and Love the Brethren 13:34) – vs. 10
- (2) The Believer Is Able to Experience Joy When Abiding and Produce Love – vss. 11-14
 - (a) The Joy from the Lord Would Abide in Them – vs. 11
 - (b) The Standard of the Love from the Son Is Elevated – vss. 12-14
 - (i) The Commandment to Love One Another Even as Christ Loved – vs. 12 (cf. 13:34; Lev. 19:18; Matt. 5:43, 19:19, 22:39; Mk. 12:31; Lu. 10:27; Rom. 13:9; Gal. 5:14; Jas. 2:8)
 - (ii) The Explanation of Love (Self Sacrifice) – vs. 13 (cf. 13:1ff)
 - (iii) The Obedience to This Truth Indicative of One in a Relationship with the Son – vs. 14
- d) The Entry into a New Relationship because of Abiding – vss. 15-27
 - (1) From Servants to Fond Ones – vss. 15-16
 - (a) Because of Their Privilege of Knowing the Fathers Plan through the Son – vs. 15
 - (i) As Servants They Were Not Able to Know the Facts of What the Father Was Doing
 - (ii) As Friends (Fond Ones) They Were Privy to the Experiential Knowledge of the Father’s Will through Christ
 - (b) Because of Their Selection of the Lord – vs. 16
 - (i) Jesus Chose⁶ Twelve (Including Judas) in the Realm of His Human Nature to Be His Disciples – Lu. 6:13
 - (ii) Jesus Knew in the Realm of His Deity That among the Twelve Was One out from the Devil – Jn. 6:70, 13:18
 - (iii) Jesus Chose the Rest of His Disciple to Bear Fruit and Communicate with the Father through His Character
 - (2) Inspired by the Ability of to Love – vss. 17-27
 - (a) Commanded of the Lord – vss. 17-25
 - (i) The Love One Another of the Same Kind – vs. 17
 - (ii) The Lack of Love from the World – vs. 18-25
 - (b) Carried by the Holy Spirit – vss. 26-27
 - (i) The Sending of the Comforter from the Father and Son – vs. 26
 - (ii) The Effect of the Spirit and the Son – vs. 27

4. Chapter 16 – The Sending of the Holy Spirit

⁶ Εκλεγω – the act of choosing

a) Empowering the Believer to Show the Proper Witness in Spite of Persecution – vss. 1-7

(1) His Discourse to Them Was Given to Empower Them to Stand When Persecution Came – vss. 1-3 cf. Ac. 4:1, 5:18, 7:51, 16:16, 17:5, 13

(a) Expulsion from Synagogues

(b) Expectation of Even Death

(c) Evidence of the Lack of Knowledge of the Father and the Son (cf. 2 Thess. 1:5)

(2) His Discourse to Them Would Be Remembered after His Departure – vs. 4-6

(a) The Holy Spirit Would Cause Them to Remember at the Proper Time

(b) The Place He Was Going Was Far More Important Than the Fact of His Departure

(i) Due to the Spiritual Implications of Their New Position

(ii) Due to the Sending of the Holy Spirit

(iii) Due to the Indwelling of the Father and Son

(3) His Departure from Them Was Necessary for the Coming of the Holy Spirit – vs. 7

(a) His Departure Was Expedient⁷ - cf. Jn. 11:50, 18:14; 1 Cor. 12:7

(b) His Responsibility for Sending the Holy Spirit Could Be Carried out after His Departure

(i) His Work Had to First Be Accomplished in Accordance with the Decree for the Spirit to Be Sent

(ii) The Father Allowed for the Holy Spirit's Coming in His Decree (He and the Son Are Both Responsible for the Sending of the Spirit, cf. Jn. 14:26, 15:26)

b) Expectations of the Spirit in His Coming – vss. 8-16

(1) His Ministry of Convincing (“Reprove”) – vs. 8

(a) Would Not Happen Prior to His Coming (The Day of Pentecost)

⁷ Expedient (soom-pher-o) – to be of use, be profitable or advantageous; to confer a benefit (beneficial)

- (b) The World – Individuals Who Are at the Point of Salvation (Not the Whole World)
- (2) The Content of His Convincing – vss. 9-11
 - (a) Concerning Sin – Unbelief in the Work of the Son (Faith into Christ)
 - (b) Concerning Righteousness – The Outrage of God’s Righteous Requirements by Sin – cf. Rom. 10:3
 - (c) Concerning Judgment – God Will Eventually Judge Sin and That Judgment Is Committed to the Son – Jn. 5:22
- (3) The Ability to Make Them Remember Truth – vss. 12-16
 - (a) The Disciples Were Ill-Equipped to Handle the Truth Being Imparted to Them at That Time – vs. 12
 - (i) Because of Their Unregenerate Minds They Were Powerless to Handle the Truth He Was Expressing to Them or to Receive Anything Further
 - (ii) There Was the Potential for More Information in the Future
 - (c) The Divine Power of the Holy Spirit Would Supernaturally Bring Their Minds to Remember the Truth Imparted at the Proper Time – vs. 13
 - (i) The Spirit That Is Truth (Divine Attribute)
 - (ii) The Guiding⁸ Ministry
 - (iii) The Speaking of the Things Taught before and That Would Need to Be Taught in the Future
 - (d) The Holy Spirit Would Take the Work of Christ and Use the Disciples to Glorify Him through It – vss. 14-16
 - (i) By Announcing the Things from the Son to the Believer – vss. 14-15
 - (ii) By the Absence of the Son
- c) Experiencing of Communication with the Father through the Son and by the Spirit – vss. 17-28
 - (1) The Ignorance of His Disciples – vss. 17-18
 - (a) Concerning What Was Meant by His Absence
 - (b) Concerning What Was Meant by His Return

⁸⁸ Louw and Nida – οδηγέω (o-day-geo) to guide or to direct, with the implication of making certain that people reach an appropriate destination (Mt. 15:14; Lu. 6:19; Ac. 8:31; Rev. 7:17)

(c) Concerning His Glorification by Going to the Father

(2) The Explanation of the Son Concerning What His Departure Meant to Their Position – vss. 19-22

(a) His Knowledge of Their Questions – vs. 19

(b) Their Sorrow because of His Departure and Eventual Joy – vss. 20-21

(c) The Promise of His Return – vs. 22

(3) The Explanation of the Son Concerning What His Departure and Their Position Meant for Their Communication with the Father – vss. 23-28

(a) The Day of That Communication Would Change – vss. 23

(i) The Day of Christ's Ascension – Ac. 1:10

(ii) The Day of Pentecost (The Coming of the Holy Spirit) – Ac. 2:1

(b) The Communication up to That Point – vs. 24

(i) They Asked the Lord Right up to the Present

(a) Right up Until Now (Εως αρτι)

(b) Asking (αιτεω) – Communication of a petition from the lesser to the greater

(ii) The Proper Asking Communication in the Future Would Effect the Believers Spiritual Mindset in the Future

(a) Asking and Receiving

(b) Fulfillment⁹ of Joy

(c) The Benefit of the Son's Going to the Father – vss. 25-28

(i) The Revelation of the Things Foretold on Earth after His Ascension – vs. 25

(ii) The Revelation of New Communication at the Day of Pentecost – vs. 26

(iii) The Revelation of the Importance of Their Faith in the Son – vss. 27-28

(a) It Is the Impetus for the Love from the Father

(b) It Allowed for the Disciples to Love the Son

(c) It Allowed for the Disciple to Trust in the Son in When Present or Absent

d) Expansion of Faith in the Present Tense – vss. 29-33

⁹ πεπληρωμενη (pe-play-row-menay) – From the verb plerao, having the idea of filling. In the passive voice, it is to be filled. In the perfect tense, it is to be in a state of fullness or to have been filled at a point in time with the abiding result that you are full. The Holy Spirit would be the active member in the filling of their joy.

(1) The Disciples Express Faith in Him because of the Truth He Revealed – vss. 29-30

(a) Because of His Plainness of Speech – vs. 29

(b) Because of Their Faith in His Deity – vs. 30

(2) The Son Clarifies the Reality That Their Faith Would Soon Be Shaken – vs. 31-32

(a) He Was Not Convinced in Their Faith – vs. 31

(b) He Foretold the Testing of Their Faith after His Departure – vs. 32

(3) The Son Provides Hope for Their Future Faith by the Work That He Would Accomplish – vs. 33

(a) The Potential for Peace

(b) The Guarantee of Tribulation

(c) The Rest Provided in Christ's Victory

5. Chapter 17 – The True Lord's Prayer

a) The Prayer for the Glorification Manifested through Human Flesh – vss. 1-10

(1) The Glorification of the Father through Manifestation of Eternal Life – vss. 1-6

(2) The Glorification of the Son through Those That Are in Him – vss. 7-10

b) The Prayer on Behalf of the Twelve for Protection of the Father in the Absence of the Son – vss. 11-

(1) For the Father to Keep the Unity of the Twelve – vss. 11-12

(2) For the Things Needed to Sustain the Twelve – vss. 13-19

(a) Joy

(b) The Word of God

(c) Protection from the Malignantly Evil One

(d) Distinction from the World

c) The Prayer Extending to Those That Would Believe as a Result of the Twelve – vss. 20-26

(1) The One Believing because of the Twelve – vss. 20-23

(a) Would Believe into Christ because of Their Discourse – vs. 20

- (b) Would Experience the Unity of the Father and the Son within the Body of Christ – vs. 21
 - (c) Would Be Enabled to Glorify the Father by the Indwelling of the Son – vss. 22-23
 - (2) The Desire of the Son for Believers to Experience the Power of Position – vss. 24-26
 - (a) The Experiencing of the Glory of the Son Where He Is – vs. 24
 - (b) The Experiencing of the Difference between the World and What Is from God – vs. 25
- C. The Day of Pentecost (The Holy Spirit Came and Affirmed the Availability of the Believer's Baptism into Christ)
1. The Physical Coming of the Holy Spirit
 - a) Foretold by the Lord in the Upper Room
 - b) Foretold by the Lord before His Ascension – Ac. 1:5
 - c) Confirmed by the Coming of the Spirit at Pentecost – Ac. 2:1ff
 - d) Confirmed in All Subsequent Cases of Salvation
 - (1) Peter Told the Jews Who Heard His First Message That They Would Be Baptized by the Spirit by Salvation – Ac. 2:38, 41
 - (2) The Samaritans Were Baptized Confirming Their Faith into Christ from the Message of Philip – Ac. 8:12, 13, 16
 - (3) The Ethiopian Eunuch Was Water Baptized to Express the Reception of the Spirit and Salvation – Ac. 8:36, 38
 - (4) Paul Was Baptized after Believing and Receiving the Holy Spirit – Ac. 9:17, 18, 22:16
 - (5) Those of the Household of Cornelius Were Baptized after Being Saved through the Word from Peter – Ac. 10:47, 48
 - (6) Peter Recounted the Salvation of Cornelius' House to the Jews at Jerusalem and How They Received the Holy Spirit – Ac. 11:15
 - (7) Lydia and Her Household Were Baptized after Salvation – Ac. 16:15
 - (8) The Philippian Jailer Was Baptized after Believing from the Message of Paul – Ac. 16:33
 - (9) Many at Corinth Believed and Were Baptized from the Word of Paul – Ac. 18:8
 - (10) Paul Showed the Difference between John's Baptism and the Spirit's Baptism to John's Disciples – Ac. 19:3, 4, 5
 2. The Implied Work of the Holy Spirit
 - a) Baptize – βαπτίζω (Baptidzo) – Friberg – strictly dip, immerse in water; middle dip oneself, wash; in the NT predominately of the use of water in a religious and symbolic sense

- b) Spirit Baptism – The act of the Holy Spirit at the moment a person believes the facts of the Gospel in which He places the Believer into the Body of Christ. In this work, He takes replaces the identity of the individual with the sin of Adam and identifies them with the death, burial and resurrection of Christ.
- c) Water Baptism – The public display by an individual Believer of faith in the Spirit Baptism that already happened at the time of salvation. The water is symbolic of the Spirit. The Believer prior to being immersed is seen as who He was prior to salvation. The Believer coming out of the water is seen as anew.

II. PLACING THE BELIEVER INTO CHRIST

A. Salvation

- 1. The Convincing of the Holy Spirit – Jn. 16:8, 9
- 2. The Gift of Faith – Eph. 2:8; Phil. 1:29
- 3. The Faith in the Facts of the Gospel – 1 Cor. 15:1-4

B. Spirit Baptism/Position

- 1. Spirit Baptism Identifies the Believer Perfectly with the Death, Burial and Resurrection of Christ
 - a) The Believer Is Baptized into Christ’s Death, Burial and Resurrection – Rom. 6:3
 - (1) The Believer Is Counted to Have Died to the Old Man and Likewise to the Sin Nature by Spirit Baptism
 - (2) The Believer Has Received Life as a Result of the Accounted Resurrection by Spirit Baptism
 - b) The Believer Was Crucified Intimately together with Christ – Gal. 2:20
 - c) The Believer Was Buried Intimately together with Christ – Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12
 - d) The Believer Was Raised Intimately together with Christ – Col. 3:1
 - e) The Believer Was Made Alive Intimately together with Christ – Eph. 2:5; Col. 2:13
- 2. Spirit Baptism Places the Believer into the Body of Christ – 1 Cor. 12:13
 - a) Regardless of Race
 - b) Regardless of Social Status
- 3. Spirit Baptism Causes the Believer to Be Clothed in Christ – Gal. 3:27
 - a) Spirit Baptism Places the Believer into Christ
 - b) Spirit Baptism Causes the Believer to Put on Christ¹⁰
 - (3) Putting on the Armor of Light Is the Result of Being Clothed in Christ – Rom. 13:12, 14
 - (4) Believers Can Put on the New Man – Eph. 4:24; Col. 3:10, 12
 - (5) Believers Can Put on the Whole Armor of God – Eph. 6:11, 14; 1 Thess. 5:8

¹⁰ Ενδύω (en-duo) – Louw-Nida – to put on clothes, without implying any particular article of clothing; CDJ – to put on as a outer garment

(6) Putting on Christ through Spirit Baptism Affords the Believer the Opportunity to Reflect the Life of Christ by Living in Our Position

4. Spirit Baptism Is the Same for Each Believer – Eph. 4:5
5. Spirit Baptism Has an Antitype in the Flood of Noah – 1 Pet. 3:21

C. Regeneration – Jn. 3:5

1. Places the Persons of the Godhead in the Believer – Rom. 8:9; 1 Cor. 6:19 (The Spirit); Eph. 4:6 (The Father); Rom. 8:10 (The Son)
2. Makes the Believer a Part of the Family of God – Rom. 8:16
3. Is Made Effectual in the Present Tense by the Believer Abiding in Our Position in Christ – Gal. 2:20
4. Can Be Seen in the Activity of the Believer’s Life – Col. 1:27
5. Was Part of the Work in the Believer’s Initial Salvation – Tit. 3:5

III. IMPLICATIONS OF BEING IN CHRIST

A. The Results of Position

1. Victory over Our Spiritual Enemies
 - a) The Believer Overcomes Satan by Being Empowered by the Strength Given to Us Positionally and The Putting on the Armor – Eph. 6:10
 - b) The Believer Overcomes Sin Nature by Mentally Accounting the Facts of What the Holy Spirit Accomplished in Christ by Spirit Baptism – Rom. 6:3
 - c) The Believer Overcomes the World System by Directing Our Love to Other Believers and Not the World – 1 Jn. 2:15
2. Access to the Father – Rom. 5:1, 2; Eph. 2:18, 3:12
3. The Believer Has an Inheritance in Christ
 - a) Inheritance (Noun)
 - (1) The Word Concerning the Grace from God Has the Power to Cause the Believer to Appreciate the Inheritance We Have in Christ in Present Tense Salvation – Ac. 20:32
 - (2) The Inheritance Pertaining to the Promise in God’s Singular Seed Was Not out from Law – Gal. 3:18
 - (3) The Indwelling of the Holy Spirit Is the Down-Payment for the Reception of the Inheritance of the Believer (Future Tense Salvation) – Eph. 1:14
 - (4) The Indwelling Holy Spirit Causes the Believer to Understand the Inheritance We Have in Christ – Eph. 1:18
 - (5) The Believer Will Receive the Reward Pertaining to Our Inheritance after the Trials of This Life (Future Tense Salvation) – Eph. 5:5
 - (6) The Believer Is Able to Receive the Promise of Our Eternal Inheritance because of the Mediatory Work of Christ and the New Covenant – Heb. 9:15
 - (7) The Inheritance of the Believer Is Eternal and Can Not Be Tarnished in Any Way – 1 Pet. 1:4
 - b) Heirs in Christ (Adjective)
 - (1) The Believer Is Accounted to Be a Fellow-Heir Intimately together with Christ – Rom. 8:17

- (2) The Believer Is an Heir with Reference to the Promise to Abraham from the Fourth Abrahamic Covenant in Christ – Gal. 3:29; Heb. 6:17
- (3) The Believer Was Made an Heir through the Process Involved in Initial Salvation – Tit. 3:7
- (4) The Believer Is an Heir with Reference to Salvation (Three Tenses) – Heb. 1:14
- (5) The Believer Is an Heir of the Kingdom Promised to the One Loving God – Jas. 2:5
- (6) The Believer in a Believing Marriage Share as Heirs in the Grace as it Relates to the Life Is in Christ – 1 Pet. 3:7
- c) Inherit (Verb)
 - (1) The Believer Is Ministered to an Angels because of Inheriting Salvation – Heb. 1:14
 - (2) The Believer Was Called to Suffer in Order That in the Future They Would Inherit Salvation – 1 Pet. 3:9
- 4. Righteousness in Christ
 - a) The Believer Has Been Declared Righteous through the Complete Redemption That Is in Christ Jesus – Rom. 3:24, 25
 - b) The Believer Has Been Made a Quality of Righteous in Christ Jesus – 1 Cor. 1:30
 - c) The Believer Has Been Made Righteousness in Christ as a Result of His Substitutionary Work – 2 Cor. 5:21
 - d) The Believer Has Been Moved from Condemnation to Being Declared Righteous because of Being Placed into Christ – Rom. 5:16
- 5. Sanctification in Christ
 - a) The Grace Believer Is Able to Yield Their Members as Servants to Righteousness in the Present Tense because of Positional Sanctification – Rom. 6:19
 - b) The Fruit Produced by the Grace Believer Is because of Positional Sanctification – Rom. 6:22
 - c) God the Father Sanctified the Believer in Christ – 1 Cor. 1:30
 - d) God the Father Desires for the Believer to Live in Light of Positional Sanctification – 1 Thess. 4:3, 4, 7
 - e) The Believer Was Sanctified in the Process of Initial Salvation – 2 Thess. 2:13
 - f) The Believing Woman Is Able to Live in Light of Positional Sanctification in Spite of the Curse in Child-Bearing from Eve – 1 Tim. 2:15
 - g) The Believer Should Pursue Sanctification in Present Tense Salvation – Heb. 12:14
 - h) The Dispersed Believers of Peter’s Epistle Were Sanctified in the Midst of Their Circumstances – 1 Pet. 1:2
- 6. Resurrection Life – Phil. 3:9-11
 - a) Paul’s Hope Was to Live in Light of Positional Righteousness – vs. 9

- b) Paul's Purpose Was to Have an Experiential Knowledge of Christ and the Power That Comes from Living in Light of the Power from His Resurrection – vs. 10
- c) Paul's Hope Was to Live out Christ's Resurrection from the Dead in Present Tense – vs. 11
- 7. Priesthood – 1 Pet. 2:5, 9
 - a) As a Set Apart Priesthood the Believer Can Offer Spiritual Sacrifices to God – vs. 5
 - b) Grace Believers Are a Kingdom of Priests – vs. 9
- 8. New Creation – 2 Cor. 5:17
- 9. Forgiveness of Sins – Eph. 1:7; Col. 1:14
- B. The Results of Regeneration
 - 1. The Believer Has Eternal Life as a Result of Christ's Indwelling
 - 2. The Believer Can Show Forth the Fruit from the Spirit
 - 3. The Believer Can Manifest God's Quality of Life through Human Bodies
 - 4. The Believer Can Glorify God
 - 5. The Believer Has the Ability to Operate in the Use of Spiritual Gifts