

Our Position In Jesus Christ

- i. Our Position in Christ
 - a. Ephesians 1:3-8
 - i. “3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, 4 even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love 5 he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, 6 to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. 7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, 8 which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight.”
 - b. Verse 3 – We have been blessed with every spiritual blessing.
 - c. Verse 7 – We have redemption through His blood.
 - d. Verse 8 – His grace abounds to us in both wisdom and knowledge.
- ii. Our Practice in Christ
 - a. Philippians 3:12-14
 - i. 12 Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. 13 Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.
 - b. How do we get our Practice to line up with our Position?
 - i. An awareness of our need
 - ii. Maximum effort
 - iii. Focused concentration
 - iv. Spiritual motivation
- iii. We do this together in the church!
 - a. Acts 2:40-47
 - i. 40 And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” 41 So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. 42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. 43 And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. 44 And all who believed were together and had all things in common. 45 And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.