



DO YOU SEE WHAT I SEE?

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I pray that the eyes of your understanding will be opened to see your position in Christ Jesus and that you will learn to live, love and fight from there. (Ephesians 1:18; Acts 17:28)
All Credits in this booklet belongs to my Heavenly Father.

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My precious brothers and sisters in Christ, what you are about to read is not hypothetical theory or imaginary fiction. These truths about your position, power and practice as a believer are a reality to be lived in Christ Jesus. Like the word “Trinity,” you don’t see these three “P’s” spelled out in Scripture in sequence but their principles flood the holy pages. This booklet is designed to focus on and introduce the first of three P’s: your POSITION in Christ Jesus. The Scripture references in this booklet are for your follow-up concerning your position in Christ. My favorite book in the Bible is Ephesians, in which the Apostle Paul labors and pours his heart out in prayer and praise that we would really understand the necessity of knowing our high position in Christ; I encourage you to take the time to read it. And throughout this booklet I’ll mention various ways to express the meaning of your new position in Christ (2 Peter 1:12-15).

When I talk about your position in Christ, I’m referring to your highly exalted position, which makes you no longer a sinner, but a saint. Your new position in Christ means that God no longer views you the way He did before you were a Christian. When God sees you based on the finished work of Jesus, He sees the righteousness of His Son because your position is in Him. And we must see ourselves as He sees us, complete in His Son (Colossians 2:10). The Word of God says, My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge because they have rejected knowledge” (Hosea 4:6). My prayer is that you’ll receive the words of God and press deeper into your restful position in Christ.

Knowing and understanding your position in Christ, I believe, is a matter of victory or defeat. I’m not at all advocating easy believer Christianity. I advocate Jesus who walked in His position and victoriously overcame all the trials in His life, leaving us His footsteps to follow (1 Peter 2:21; Hebrews 5:8). When you really grasp the truth about your new position, you’ll learn how to live above the gravitational pull of sin. Along with those defeating circumstances that want to drag you down to keep you from living the life of victory as a child of God (John 1:12-13; Romans 6:11). As you learn more about your new position in Christ, your soul – your mind, emotions and will – that is distorted by sin will awaken to the revelatory truth that you can’t fix yourself with worldly philosophical methods. And a deeper thirst for the Word of God will spring up from your new position, motivating you to renew your mind and grow in the truth of your position in Christ (John 4:14; Romans 12:1-2).

Beloved, at the moment of your salvation, God deposited within you His incorruptible divine seed, making you a new creation. Immediately God's Spirit came into your human spirit and you were born-again, alive to God, and this changed your position (1 Peter 1:23). You were joined with Christ and relocated and repositioned with Him in the heavenly places. Jesus isn't on earth now; He's passed through the heavens and is seated at the right hand of God in heaven (Ephesians 1:20; Hebrews 4:14). That means as a believer in Christ right now you are seated with Christ in the heavenly places (Ephesians 2:6). Now, this can be a little hard to understand because we are so used to living life from our natural five senses. That's why we must know and believe what the Word says about our new position in Christ.

We must begin to see ourselves the way God see us – complete and brand new positioned in Christ as our present reality (Ephesians 2:1-10; Colossian 1:9-12, 2:9-10; Romans 3:24-26). Now, stop for a minute and ponder on that marvellous truth. Think about it – God's Spirit living in you, containing all of God's power, presence, joy, peace, righteousness and much more, as Romans 5 tells us. Everything God has in store for you is resident in the Holy Spirit within you, changing your position from a victim to a victor for this life and eternity (1 Corinthians 15:57; 1 John 5:4). This may sound like a Sci-Fi movie or a Rod Sterling Twilight Zone series, which takes us beyond sight and sound, but it is not. This is real talk, real truth, that Jesus lived and died for us to have overcoming life. When God's Word speaks about our elevated position in Christ, it's not a pretend theory of how things ought or should be – it's a finished work in the past with continual results now and forever (2 Corinthians 5:21; John 19:30). Believing this knowledge about your position in Christ will transform your life, as you believe that you are already positioned in Christ right now.

And there's nothing you need to do to earn favor from God or feel accepted by Him. Once you understand your position you'll begin to see things you've never seen before. You'll be able to discern the difference between religious earthly gymnastics and genuine heavenly relationship. Resulting in His supernatural love released in your life, and with His peace you'll be able to adjust accordingly. By faith in God your position will become a conscious reality to you, not just in your spirit but in your soul and body, too. You'll begin to experience your life overcoming mountainous difficulties that you once thought impossible to overcome. And the knowledge of your triumphal position in Christ will release His sweet aroma everywhere you go (2 Corinthians 2:14; 1 Peter 1:23; Philippians 3:9; Ephesians 1:3). Let me illustrate your Position like this: If you applied for a job on Monday morning and they called you and told you that afternoon that you got the job, would you go back Tuesday morning and apply for the same job you applied for Monday morning? Of course not! That would be foolish. Why would you apply for a job that you already have?

But that's what it's like when believers don't fully understand their position in Christ – searching for something they already have, wasting time, energy, and more importantly a life. Here are two of my favorite verses that prove this divine supernatural transaction. 2 Corinthians 5:17 reads: "Therefore if any person is [ingrafted] in Christ (the Messiah) he is a new creation (a new creature altogether); the old [previous moral and spiritual condition] has passed away. Behold the fresh and new has come"! (AMP). And Galatians 2:20 says: "I have been crucified with Christ [in Him I have shared His crucifixion]; it is no longer I who live, but Christ (the Messiah) lives in me; and the life I now live in the body I live by faith in (by adherence to and reliance on and complete trust in) the Son Of God, Who loved me and gave Himself up for me (AMP). By faith as you begin to grow in your miraculous position you'll soon discover old familiar passages coming alive like never before.

This is the work of the Holy Spirit within your human spirit, revealing meaning and tying positional truths together. Scriptures like Philippians 3:20 will remind you that this world is not your home – it's transitory – and you'll begin to eagerly wait for your full citizenship in Heaven. Your thoughts

will be less on earthly things, and you'll begin to seek those things above (Colossian 3:1-4). You'll see how transient earthly life really is from this position. It will help you think about death and its eternal implication. And you'll soon develop a deeper love for those who have lost their way (Ephesians 1:17-18). You'll realize that what happens in the invisible fleshed out in the visible, and from your position in Christ you will be able to see how to solve life problems by learning to live life simultaneously in both dimensions. Your responses to your physical issues will be very different from before, because you'll be responding by faith from your position in Christ, and you'll be able to trace many of your physical problems to their spiritual root causes, as you grow.

Your belief will deepen in the awareness that behind every physical setback, disturbance, or negative issue we face lies a spiritual root. And your dependency on God's Word will become a higher priority, like the Proverb that says, Lean not on your own understanding...and He shall direct your paths" (3:5-6, NKJV) or "There is a way that seems right to man but its end is the way of death" (14:12; 16:25, NKJV). You'll see that human attempts to fix physical problems will only provide temporary relief at best, because their roots are in the spiritual realm.

Another familiar passage that came alive to me and has helped me to see thoughts that hinder my spiritual progress is 2 Corinthian 10:3-6: "For though we walk (live) in the flesh, we are not carrying on our warfare according to the flesh and using mere human weapons. For the weapons of our warfare are not physical [weapons of flesh and blood], but they are mighty before God for the overthrow and destruction of strongholds, [In as much as we] refute arguments and theories and reasonings and every proud and lofty thing that sets itself up against the [true] knowledge of God; and we lead every thought and purpose away captive into the obedience of Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One)" (AMP).

Living from your position will cause you to be able to recognize and cast down thoughts that are not of God sooner than you did before. Very soon this level of thinking will illuminate the seriousness of your position as a soldier. Not only did your position make you a brand new creation, but it also enlisted you into the army of God.

Now that you're positioned in Christ, this places you on the offensive against God's arch enemy and now yours – Satan. Do you see what I see? And why it's important for believers to know their position in Christ? This isn't just a negative issue; this is a satanic sinful issue which can only be won in Christ Jesus. I am very familiar with the Scripture below, which was my spiritual birth passage almost twenty eight years ago. I know this passage; it delivered me from the evils of fifteen years in Karate, after which I co-authored a book titled The Dark Side of Karate. Just recently as I was studying Ephesians again, one word in chapter six opened my spiritual eyes to see another facet of my position and relationship with spiritual warfare.

In Ephesians 6:10-12 it says: "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places" (NKJV, bold letters mine). In verse 10 Paul tells the believer to "be strong in the Lord" and in its context it could read "be strong in your position and power of the Lord." In verses 11-12 he repeats a word that unlocked a deeper meaning that I never saw before. The word is against. It is mentioned six times – five times it identifies who we wrestle against and one time who we don't wrestle against. This supernatural truth lit a holy righteous anger inside me. Because I saw how Satan tricked me to think too many times that people were my enemies rather than evil angelic beings.



Do you see what I see? People are not our problem. As the Scriptures say, we don't fight against flesh and blood, but against sophisticated high ranking evil angelic forces. Satan, the adversary, the enemy, the slanderer, is the mastermind behind all the evil thoughts that are exalted against God and us.

In our power we are defenseless, but in our position in Christ we are more than conquerors (Romans 8:37). Now I see the meanings clearer about those "one-anothers" in scripture. Satan is a master magician and deceives us to wrestle against one another as he sits back, watching us do his dirty work while he plans another scheme against us (Galatians 5:15). Our awesome God has given me this burning desire to facilitate these marvellous truths about our position in Christ, as we wait and look forward for His return (2Peter 3:14). My heart is burdened when I see many well-meaning saints go to church faithfully and go to every church event they can find. They read good Christian books, listen to good Christian music, and they commit and recommit their lives to the Lord, but never really tap into their position and never discover all that God has for them to win the battles in their lives. They succumb to hopelessness and the various problems of this life. This kind of Christian living is completely unreasonable and incompatible with the new position in Christ.

When I see believers living like this I know they haven't laid hold of their position in Christ or don't understand the process of positional living. The result is tragic for believers who haven't learned how to grow by faith in their God-given position. So year after year they continue on the treadmill of life, going nowhere fast in thought and deed. Many times in the past I tried to solve my physical earthly problems with religious and fleshly methods, hoping to discover purpose, acceptance and security. But until I truly discovered my spiritual love position in Christ accompanied at times with trials. I really wasn't free and living from my position to be what God created and redeemed me to be. That is, a victor and not a victim, because whom the Son sets free is free indeed and I am free (John 8:36). I believe God is calling His people to understand their new position found only in Jesus Christ. He's everything we need; He's our life (Colossians 3:4). He wants His light, and truth to shine brighter in and through us into the dark places of life. Let's not doubt and complain but believe who we are in Him. That's another booklet (Philippians 2:12-15, 3:9).

Paul prayed many times throughout his letters that we would know and understand just how much God loves us and changed us from the darkness of sin and ignorance to the light of His Son. We don't have to stumble and roam in life, going around the same old sinful mountains. Remember Jesus didn't say go around those mountains but speak to those mountains. Why? Because Scripture tell us that "greater is He who is in us than he who is in the world." (1 John 4:4b; Ephesians 1:3-22, 3:14-21; Matthew 17:20). I must admit this kind of abundant living is radical and non-religious, because we must really walk by faith in our position in Christ, and no matter what the facts say about any situation, God's truth has the last word. And when you know your position in Christ, you will be liberated from all forms of false religious behaviors. Satan loves to work in religious circles because he knows most believers won't look for him there. But religious legalisms hinder and grieve the Spirit of God from working through your position. Jesus reminds us that the fleshly soul profits nothing, and Paul mentions to put no confidence in the flesh (John 6:63; Philippians 3:3). There's so much more I've discovered as I continue to learn about my position in Christ.

You may be thinking it's too late for you and I don't understand your situation, or maybe you think you're too old, or maybe you think you're not good enough to experience this new Position that Jesus offers. Well, I have good news for you if you're reading my booklet and still breathing –it's

not too late. In closing, listen to this story. There was a man who didn't have many friends, and he was very lonely. Nobody liked him because he was a tax collector. His name was Zaccheus. He always took more money than he should, and he got richer while his own people got poorer. You see, Zaccheus was a traitor and worked for the enemy, the Romans.

Everywhere Zaccheus went he heard people whisper bad things about him. He was a sad, lonely man. Nobody wanted to be his friend or go to his house. Zaccheus thought it was too late for him to ever have a friend who would care. One day Zaccheus was walking down the road when he heard shouting. "Jesus is coming!" someone cried. Many ran to see Jesus – everyone wanted to see Jesus. Zaccheus wanted to see Jesus, too, and he thought, "Maybe He'll be my friend," so he ran as fast as he could.

But he had a problem: his legs were too short and he couldn't keep up. So he sat down by a sycamore tree and was just about to give up when he had an idea. He jumped up and began to climb the big tree to see Jesus. Zaccheus wanted to yell out to Jesus, but he began to think shameful negative thoughts about himself. He felt unworthy to talk to Jesus, who was doing so many good things. Then all of a sudden Jesus looked up and called to Zaccheus and said, "Zaccheus, come down from that tree; I want to have dinner at your house." Zaccheus could hardly believe his ears. He came down that tree quickly and ran to Jesus. From that day salvation entered Zaccheus' home and his Position in Christ changed. He even repaid back all the people in Jericho he had cheated. This pleased Jesus, for He knew Zaccheus had believed that Jesus came to seek and save those who had lost their way. Zaccheus' life was never the same after he met Jesus and fellowshiped with Him.

My beloved, your life will never be the same either, if you just press into your position that Jesus lived and died for you to have. He's calling you by your name, and He wants to come in your house, save you, and change your position once and for all. All it takes is for you is to believe and accept Jesus' high calling. Won't you go higher with Him, read and meditate on the passage in my booklet and taste and see how good God is and you'll see what I see. Isaiah 53:5: "He was wounded for our transgression and bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed" (NKJV).

Remember this: "If all you see is what you see, you will never see all that there is to be seen" (Tony Evans, Victory in Spiritual Warfare).

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1 Thessalonians 5:18-19

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