

Bible study regarding a believer's position in Christ

Firstly you need to be sure that you have believed the simple gospel. A person may have believed and been saved from eternal death, but maybe has gone no further. Could be we are not abiding in the Vine (Jesus) – John 15:4, or we are not continuing in His Word (John 8:31-32). That was me for quite some time. When that happens we can be tripped up, lost in bondage, not knowing where we are going, forgetting even that we were purged from our sins (2 Pet 1:5-9). But when we get back into fellowshiping with Him, we realize we are called for things, and begin to know our purpose.

For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, that no flesh should glory in His presence. 1 Cor 1:25-29

Did God only choose the wise, mighty and noble? I am weak, and was foolish for so many years. So the point is, anything that is done that is good is all because of Him, and getting to lean on the truth of His great love for us. Apart from Him we can do nothing. We need Him. We need His Word. I did this devotional for you based on some things that happen to all believers, so you first can be assured of your position in Him, which may help with knowing your purpose in life. Devotionals should be Bible studies where you answer from His Word what it is that He has told you personally.

Please look up the verses always in prayer. See if you can fill in the blanks and apply it to yourself -- who you are 'in Him' or 'in Christ'.

- Believers are given _____ . (Romans 6:23, Ephesians 2:8-9)
Circle one: It is **1)** Completely Free **2)** Has to cost us something -- you don't get something for nothing. (If you picked #2, re-read Rom 5:16-21. How many times does it say free gift or gift?). _____
- When we believe, we are made _____ (John 1:12).
- As the church, Christ _____ us and _____ Himself for us (Eph 5:26). He did Himself in _____ love (John 15:13).
- We are members of His body, of His _____ and _____, just like a man and His wife (Eph 5:30-32)
- (Eph 5:29) Jesus does not hate His own flesh, but _____ it and _____ it. This is how Christ feels about the church.
- We are adopted as _____ (Eph 1:5, Rom 8:15, Gal 4:5)
- We are made _____ by His _____ (1 Peter 3:18; Eph 2:5)

- Believers can KNOW what? _____ (1 John 5:13)
- What did God choose for believers? _____ (Ephesians 1:4)
- Believers have been _____ and _____ because of the riches of His grace – (Ephesians 1:7) – **G.R.A.C.E** – **God’s Riches At Christ’s Expense**
- Does God count trespasses against us?– 2 Corinthians 5:19; Acts 13:38-39
- He paid for (the propitiation for) _____ at the cross -1 John 2:2
- How many sins/transgressions are forgiven? _____ Where did He nail the debt?_____ (Colossians 2:13-14)
- How far has He removed our sins from us? _____ (Ps 103:12)
- Believers are called to have _____ with God’s Son – (I Cor. 1:9)
- There is no _____ to believers, because the _____ has set us _____ from the law of sin and death – (Rom 8:1-2)
- We shall never come into _____ (John 5:24)
- Because of our faith in Jesus, we are all _____(Galatians 3:26)
- Believers are predestined to be _____ as children – (Eph 1:5)
- Believers are made acceptable to God by Jesus Christ – (1 Peter 2:5)
- Believers are _____by faith. (Romans 5:1)
- Believers are not justified by _____ (Rom 2:4; Eph 2:8-9)
- When we believe God, it is credited/counted to us as _____(Rom 4:3)
- No one has ever been justified by _____(Gal 2:16)
- In Christ, we are _____ to Him by His blood – (Ephesians 2:13)
- Believers are delivered/rescued from: _____ Col 1:13
- And in Col 1:13, He transfers/translates us INTO _____
- Who is the Rock?_____ What foundation are we laid on?_____ (1 Cor 10:4, 1 Cor 3:9-15)
- When we believe, we are a _ _ _ _ to Jesus Christ – (John 17:9)

These three questions are from John 10:28-29

- What does He give us in exchange for believing? _____
- Will we ever perish? _____
- Can we (or anyone) snatch/remove ourselves out of His hand? Yes_____ No_____
- (John 6:39-40) Can Jesus lose anyone that the Father has gifted Him with (all believers are a gift) Yes_____ No _____

- (John 6:37) Will any of us who have come to Him in belief be cast out? _____

Answer from 1 Peter 2:5

- Believers are called _____
- Built up as a _____
- For a _____
- To offer up _____ acceptable through God through Jesus.

Answer from 1 Peter 2:9 (not necessarily in order)

- Believers are a _____
- Are being built up as a _____
- A H_____ P_____
- A people for His own _____
- Called out of _____ into a _____.

Why?

- So that you may proclaim _____
- (Philippians 3:20-21) – Our citizenship is in _____ already, we are waiting for the transformation of our_____.
- Believers are of the family and household of God, in the fellowship of the saints, because in Christ we have access by one Spirit to the Father (Eph 2:18-19)
- Believers are risen with Christ (Col 3:1), and blessed with every _____ in the Heavenly places. (Ephesians 1:3)
- God _____ for YOU. (1 Peter 5:7)
- He wants you to be enlightened, so you will know what is the hope of _____, and the riches of _____, and that you know you are His _____ in the saints Ephesians 1:18
- 1 Peter 1:4 – Believers have an inheritance that is reserved/kept in heaven, that is _____, _____, and _____. 1 Pet 1:5, we are kept by the power of God (vs. 5).
- (Eph 4:4-6; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Rom 8:9), Do all believers have the Holy Spirit? Yes _____ No _____ Are we all in the same body? Yes_____ No _____
- Are sealed with the Holy Spirit the moment we believe, until when? Ephesians 1:13-14; 4:30 _____

- Believers are _____ in Christ, and are _____. We are _____ and given the _____ in our hearts as a _____ 2 Cor 1:21-22
- In Him believers have been _____ Colossians 2:9-10
- How long are we perfected by His Sacrifice? _____ Heb 10:10,14
- (1 John 2:24-27) What promise did He promise us? _____ Who teaches us? _____, and what should we apply our heart to? _____ Prov 22:17-21
- (1 Cor 12:20-25) We are made members of His _____ and the weaker ones are _____!
- How saved are we? To the _____ Heb 7:25
- He will confirm you to the _____, and you will be _____ in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ (see 1 Cor 1:8)
- Because of Christ's obedience, we are _____ Rom 5:19; 2 Cor 5:17

These are but a few of the things that happen when we believe, we are born again. God does not lie.

In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began. Titus 1:2

Believers can and do sin. Read Rom 7:15-25. The answer is agreeing we have sinned and talking to God about it (1 John 1:9). This is to give us more intimate fellowship with Him (1 John 1:3-4) and so that our joy may remain full. When we are sinning, we generally are hiding from God like Adam and Eve did when they first sinned. We need to remember He is our loving Father, and to go to Him. Every good and perfect gift is from above (James 1:17). We need to find those we trust to confess our faults to (those who will not gossip or share secrets and will point us to Christ). And we ask them for prayer, and we get back up into the saddle again (spending time with Christ hearing His Word – Luke 10:38-42). This is our endurance. We are washed in the water by the Word (Eph 5:26) but we do need to take heed to it (Ps 119:9). Love and Treasure His Word for His Word has given us life, even in our affliction (Ps 119:140, 162, 50). His Word was written ahead of time so that through the patience and the comfort of the Scriptures we might have hope (Rom 15:4).

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