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Class Summary: This lesson focuses on the benefits that every believer receives at the moment of salvation in Christ.

God Says I am In Christ

1. What is positional truth?

2. What are some positional truths?

3. Why should I make an effort to understand/appreciate/apprehend positional truth?

Three things to watch for:

- a) How does this truth relate to my union with Christ?
- b) In what sense is this true of me already, whether I understand it or not?
- c) How does this truth relate to the truths previously considered?

1. Because I am in Christ, God has _____ that I am _____
through the _____ of Christ.

- Rom 3:21-22

- 2 Cor 5:21

2. Because I am in Christ, God says I am _____.

- Rom 3:23-24

- Rom 4:23-25

3. Because I am in Christ, God says I am _____ and _____.

- Rom 3:24

- Rom 4:4-8

4. Because I am in Christ, God says I am _____ with him.

- Rom 5:1-2

- Col 1:20

5. Because I am in Christ, God says his _____ toward me is _____.

- Rom 5:9-10

- 1 John 4:10

6. Because I am in Christ, God says I am _____ to him.

- Rom 5:10-11

- 2 Cor 5:17-19

7. Because I am in Christ, God says I have _____.

- Rom 5:20-21

- 1 John 5:11

8. Because I am in Christ, God says I have been _____ into Christ.

- Rom 6:3-4

- 1 Cor 12:12-13

9. Because I am in Christ, God says I have been _____ with Christ.

- Rom 6:5-7

- Gal 2:20

10. Because I am in Christ, God says I have been _____ with Christ and will be _____ with Christ.

- Rom 6:5

- Col 2:13

How then should we live?

Scenarios:

a) You are exhorting Anthony, a young Christian man in jail who is facing hard time for armed robbery.

“I know I did some bad stuff but that’s not who I really am. My mom says I’m a good kid and I just need to dig deep and follow my heart, that way I won’t follow bad influences any more. But...I’m still afraid.”

- b) You are encouraging Jenny, a young Christian mom of four kids under age 6 who feels that she can't even take a deep breath, much less share Jesus with her neighbors.

"I'm barely even able to go to church or do any kind of ministry – my family takes up so much time and energy that it seems like they must be more important to me than my faith. I feel like a failure as a Christian."

- c) You are instructing Miriam, a Christian teenage girl who feels that she can live however she wants to live.

"You see, Jesus already died for all my sins, like, all of them, even the ones I haven't committed yet. It's all good! It doesn't really matter what I do because it's all taken care of. I can have fun now and know I'm still going to heaven no matter what."

- d) You are counseling Eric, a middle-aged man who is contemplating suicide after a crushing divorce.

"I just can't see the light anymore. Everything is so dark – I can't feel anything. I know it's wrong, but I just want it all to end – Karen was my life, and now she's gone."