

*What Happened  
When You Received Christ?*

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## INTRODUCTION

The moment you were saved by receiving Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, sixty-eight things happened in your life. These are called “positional” truths, because regardless of your experience, they remain in you and toward you as a completed work, irrevocable from the viewpoint of eternity.

In addition, there are at least twenty-seven “experiential” truths that are available for Christians to appropriate in their lives because of the goodness and grace of God toward His children who walk in the light of His Word (Colossians 2:6).

Paul said, “Unto me, who am less than the least of all the saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ.” To find out and then meditate upon the things God has done for us is to “mine” or to dig out these unsearchable riches.

Some of these verses you may know well.

But put them together, and you will begin to see how great God is. The Finished Work is not just a possibility, but a reality. And that is why Christ pleaded, "Come unto me....Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me..." (Matthew 11:28a-29a).

This booklet is not so much devotional as it is to instruct us in the things that God, through the Holy Spirit, has accomplished in us and toward us. We have taken the first few dynamic truths and have shown how any believer can meditate on the Word of God. By masticating, digesting, and assimilating each word, we prepare a way to understand and experience our inheritance, line upon line, precept upon precept (Isaiah 28:9-10).

## Chapter One

# THINK ON THESE THINGS

“Consider the work of God...” (Ecclesiastes 7:13a).

Number one: *He foreknew us*. That means He foreknew that we would accept Him. Before the foundation of the world, He knew you as someone who would be perfected in positional truth (Romans 8:29 and 1 Peter 1:2).

Number two: *He elected us* (Romans 8:33, Colossians 3:12, 1 Thessalonians 1:4, Titus 1:1, 1 Peter 1:2). Our election came *after* foreknowledge. So first, God foreknew who would accept Christ with their free volition. Therefore, He elected us on the basis of knowing we would make a decision to receive Christ.

Some believe in a limited atonement, where only the elect whom God respects will be accepted, while others have been predestinated to go to hell. But God is not willing that any should perish. He died for the sins of every man—not

just those in the Church but everyone in the whole world (1 John 2:1-2; 2 Corinthians 5:19; John 3:16; 1 Timothy 2:6; and Matthew 20:28). Therefore, because of His love and the fact that He is no respecter of persons (Acts 10:34), God desires that *all* men would come to a saving knowledge of the truth (1 Timothy 2:4). Based on Scripture, it is an *unlimited* atonement. The sins of the world have been paid. The only way anyone will go to hell is because they flatly reject the Savior.

The third thing is this: *We are predestinated* in Christ (Romans 8:29-30, Ephesians 1:5,11).

Then, *we are chosen* (Matthew 22:14, 1 Peter 2:4).

In 1 Thessalonians 5:24, *we are called*.

*We are reconciled by God* (2 Corinthians 5:18,19, Colossians 1:20).

Not only that, *we are reconciled to God* (Romans 5:10, 2 Corinthians 5:20).

*We are redeemed by God* (Romans 3:24, Colossians 1:14, 1 Peter 1:18), and *we are born again spiritually* forever (John 3:7, 1 Peter 1:23).

So, because we have been born-again, *we are regenerated* (John 13:10, 1 Corinthians 6:11, Titus 3:5).

And then, *we are made righteous* (Romans 3:22,



1 Corinthians 1:30, 2 Corinthians 5:21, Philippians 3:9).

Stop there, and consider what that means: “to be made righteous.” That phrase is thrown around carelessly by so many Christians. We are righteous, positionally, in the eyes of God the Father. If, however, we are positionally righteous, we are righteous, period. It is not something beyond us; it is something we are.

Furthermore, we see that *the righteousness of God is unto us and upon us who believe* (Galatians 3:22).

In Acts 13:39 and Romans 3:26, 5:1, 8:30, 1 Corinthians 6:11, and Titus 3:7, *we are justified*. Oh, how beautiful and how sweet it is! It is a very precious thing to be justified. We can go to bed at night knowing that we have been justified in the courtroom of heaven and that there is sufficient legal cause to secure a favorable verdict, to acquit the guilty, to declare us righteous, and to grant us a full pardon.

Alone, meditating and reflecting while reading those words, we could say, “God, You foreknew me. Lord, I know who I am in Adam. I know the things that went on in my childhood, the problems with my upbringing. You foreknew me even then. And back then, You elected

me. I am a new creation because You regenerated me. Now, I stand before You righteous and justified. Thank You, Lord!"

Considering this before God, each one of us would say, "Lord, You were willing to glorify *me*?" Out of this kind of meditation come appreciation, praise to God, thanksgiving, great hope, and an amazing boost to our self-image. Each born-again believer can say, "He did all of that for me, knowing every sin I would ever commit."

Do you see the difference in this approach? These things are so sacred. Surely, we can know them and memorize them as mere items on a list. But they are so sacred, and God desires each point to be engrafted in our hearts.

### *Glorified from the Foundations of the World*

Then, according to Romans 8:30, *we are glorified*. Think of what that means. If we could see through the eyes of the Holy Spirit, we would see ourselves as totally pure and seated above, reflecting the brightness of God's glory. Billions of years ago, the Lord foreknew us and elected us, and He placed us in Christ in the eternal plan that was waiting to be revealed to us in time. And way back then, in the foreknowledge of God, we started out as being glorified. As we

keep on beholding Him through the mirror of the Word and staying focused as we reveal His purpose for us, that glory will grow in intensity.

Jeremiah knew he was chosen before he was in his mother's womb (Jeremiah 1:5). And you were known by God in the "lowest parts of the earth," speaking of the raw elements that would form your body (Psalm 139:14-16).

We must not let our knowledge of these things be only academic. Even though we need to study hard, we also need to keep our communication with God personal and devotional.

### *We Have a New Identity*

In Romans 8:15-16, 23 and Galatians 4:4-6, *we are adopted*—adopted into His precious family, legally adopted as one of His own.

*We are complete in Him* forever (Colossians 2:10). Of course, if we continue to sin, we will be chastised. If, over a long period of time, we refuse to get right and ignore repeated warnings by the Holy Spirit, we could even be taken home early. But as we go, we will still be complete, though we will suffer the loss of rewards.

In 1 Corinthians 1:30-31, 6:11, *we are sanctified*—separated from the power of darkness (Colossians 1:13), perfectly cleansed and set

apart unto God.

Then, *we are forgiven* forever. This is such a foundational truth, found in Psalm 103:12, Micah 7:19, and Ephesians 4:32, among many other verses. Do we realize what it means to be forgiven? Don't even try to weigh it on the scales of grace. It is God! It is all Christ.

This is why He should be all and in all in our lives—not self-occupation or self-preservation. These are like trees with roots that go deep into the ground but have no fruit, because everything they get is for self.

We will see that *we are quickened*, raised up, and *we are seated in heavenly places* (Ephesians 2:5-6), where *we are perfected forever*, saved by the Blood of the Lamb. And thanks be to God, in Ephesians 1:6, *we are accepted*. When loved ones reject you, when your spouse leaves you, when you fail and you can't accept yourself, you are accepted by God.

Because those things happened in our lives the moment we were saved, *we are made meet*—made adequate and precisely adapted to meet the Master (Colossians 1:12), to be in the presence of the King of kings, poised and confident, knowing we are where we belong.

## *Chapter Two*

# SIXTY-EIGHT POSITIONAL PROVISIONS

These are the things God provides for every believer at the point of salvation. They are on our account, irrevocable, regardless of how we feel or what we are going through. Therefore, we need to purpose to hide them in our hearts, line upon line, so we will have confidence when the enemy comes in like a flood.

1. He foreknew us (Romans 8:29; 1 Peter 1:2).
2. He elected us (Romans 8:33; Colossians 3:12; 1 Thessalonians 1:4; Titus 1:1; 1 Peter 1:2).
3. He predestinated us (Romans 8:29-30; Ephesians 1:5, 11).
4. We are chosen (Matthew 22:14; 1 Peter 2:4).
5. We are called (1 Thessalonians 5:24).
6. We are reconciled *by* God (2 Corinthians

- 5:18-19; Colossians 1:20).
7. We are reconciled *to* God (Romans 5:10; 2 Corinthians 5:20).
  8. We are redeemed by God (Romans 3:24; Colossians 1:14; 1 Peter 1:18).
  9. We are born again spiritually (John 3:7; 1 Peter 1:23).
  10. We are regenerated (John 13:10; 1 Corinthians 6:11; Titus 3:5).
  11. We are made righteous, and the righteousness of God is *unto* us and *upon* us who believe (Romans 3:22; 1 Corinthians 1:30; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Galatians 3:22, Philippians 3:9).
  12. We are justified (Acts 13:39; Romans 3:26, 5:1, 8:30; 1 Corinthians 6:11; Titus 3:7).
  13. We are glorified (Romans 8:30).
  14. We receive the Spirit of adoption (Romans 8:15-16, 23; Galatians 4:4-6), and God is our Father (1 Corinthians 1:3; 8:6; Galatians 1:4; Ephesians 1:2; 4:6).
  15. We are complete in Him (Colossians 2:10).
  16. We are sanctified (1 Corinthians 1:30, 6:11).
  17. We are forgiven (Acts 10:43; Romans 4:25; Colossians 1:14, 2:13, 3:13; Eph-

- esians 1:7, 4:32; 1 Peter 2:24).
18. We are quickened (Romans 4:17, Ephesians 2:1; Colossians 2:13).
  19. We are perfected forever (Hebrews 10:14).
  20. We are accepted (Ephesians 1:6; 1 Peter 2:5).
  21. We are made meet (Colossians 1:12).
  22. We are crucified with Christ (Romans 6:6, 6:8; Galatians 2:20; 1 Peter 2:24).
  23. We are buried with Christ (Romans 6:4; Colossians 2:12).
  24. We are raised with Christ (Romans 6:4; Ephesians 2:6; Colossians 3:1).
  25. We are seated in heavenly places (Ephesians 2:4-6).
  26. We are born of the Spirit (John 3:6).
  27. We are baptized with the Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:13; 10:17).
  28. We have the earnest, or deposit, of the Holy Spirit, securing our place in heaven (2 Corinthians 1:22; 5:5; Ephesians 1:13-14).
  29. We are indwelt by the Spirit (John 7:39; Romans 5:5, 8:9; 1 Corinthians 6:19; 2 Corinthians 1:22; Galatians 4:6).
  30. We are sealed by the Spirit (John 7:39; 2 Corinthians 1:22; Ephesians 1:13, 4:30).

31. We are in God (1 Thessalonians 1:1).
32. We are in Christ (John 14:20).
33. We are in the Spirit (Romans 8:9).
34. We are dead to the law (Romans 7:4).
35. We are delivered from the law (Romans 6:14, 7:6; 2 Corinthians 3:11; Galatians 3:25).
36. We are circumcised in Christ (Romans 2:29; Philippians 3:3; Colossians 2:11).
37. We are made near to God by the blood of Christ (Ephesians 2:13; James 4:8; Hebrews 10:22).
38. We are delivered from the power of darkness (Colossians 1:13, 2:13-15).
39. We are translated into the Kingdom of God's dear Son (Colossians 1:13).
40. We are given as a gift to Christ by the Father (John 17:6, 11, 12, 20; 10:29).
41. He gives us life in His name (John 20:31) and eternal life in His Son (John 3:15-16, 36; 5:24; 6:47; 11:25; 1 John 5:11-12).
42. We will never die (John 11:26).

*What He Is to The Believer:*

43. Jesus Christ is our propitiation (Romans 3:25-26; 1 John 2:2).
44. Jesus Christ is our foundation (Eph-



- esians 2:20; 1 Corinthians 3:11; 2 Corinthians 1:21).
45. Jesus Christ is our life (Colossians 3:4).
  46. He is our Head (Colossians 2:10).
  47. He is our husband (Ephesians 5:25-27; 2 Corinthians 11:2).
  48. He is our advocate (1 John 2:1).
  49. He is our brother (Hebrews 2:11).
  50. He is our friend (John 15:15).
  51. He is our Shepherd (John 10:11; 1 Peter 2:25).
  52. He is our high priest (Hebrews 3:1, 4:14, 6:20).

*What He Makes Us:*

53. We are sons of God (2 Corinthians 6:18; Galatians 3:26; 1 John 3:2) and children of the living God (Romans 9:26).
54. We are a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 6:15).
55. We are members of His Body (1 Corinthians 12:13).
56. We are His Bride (Ephesians 5:25-27).
57. We are saints (1 Corinthians 1:2).
58. We are His holy priesthood (1 Peter 2:5, 9) and his royal priesthood (1 Peter 2:9; Rev. 1:6).

59. We are a chosen generation, a peculiar people (Titus 2:14; 1 Peter 2:9).
60. We are His inheritance (Ephesians 1:18).
61. We are God's building (1 Corinthians 3:9), and our body is His temple (1 Corinthians 6:19).
62. We are heavenly citizens (Luke 10:20; Ephesians 2:19; Philippians 3:20; Hebrews 12:22).
63. We are laborers together with Him (1 Corinthians 3:9, 2 Corinthians 6:1).
64. We are ambassadors for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:20).
65. We are ministers of God (2 Corinthians 3:3, 6, 6:4).
66. We are His household (Galatians 6:10; Ephesians 2:19, 3:15).
67. We are His people (2 Corinthians 6:16).
68. We are His beloved (Romans 9:25).

## *Chapter Three*

# TWENTY-SEVEN EXPERIENTIAL PROVISIONS

After we begin to walk with the Lord, He gives us many opportunities to experience His nature and to reveal His characteristics, as children of God. Every believer has had times of failure or testing when he will not sense the reality of these things. Yet, if we choose to walk in the light as He is in the light, in time we will experience the fullness of these provisions:

69. There is no condemnation for the believer (Romans 8:1; John 3:18, 5:24; 1 Corinthians 11:32).
70. We reign in life as more than conquerors (Romans 5:17; 8:37).
71. We are quickened (Ephesians 2:1; Colossians 2:13).
72. We have access to God (Romans 5:2; Ephesians 2:18; Hebrews 4:14-16; He-

- brews 10:19-20).
73. He loves us (John 3:16; Ephesians 2:4, 5:2).
  74. He gives us His grace (Ephesians 2:8).
  75. He gives us His power (Ephesians 1:19; Philippians 2:13).
  76. He is faithful to us (Philippians 1:6; Hebrews 13:5).
  77. He gives us His peace (Colossians 3:15).
  78. He gives us hope (Ephesians 1:18).
  79. He gives us every spiritual blessing (Ephesians 1:3).
  80. He gives us rest (Hebrews 4:3).
  81. He gives us joy (Romans 15:13; 1 Peter 1:8).
  82. He consoles us (2 Thessalonians 2:16).
  83. He intercedes for us (Hebrews 7:25, 9:24; Romans 8:34).
  84. He keeps us (Romans 5:2).
  85. He instructs us (Titus 2:12-13).
  86. He saves us in the details and circumstances of life (Romans 1:16).
  87. He gives us an inheritance (Ephesians 1:14; Colossians 3:24; Hebrews 9:15; 1 Peter 1:4).
  88. We have fellowship with Him (1 Corinthians 1:9; 1 John 1:9).

89. He is faithful to us in suffering (Romans 8:18; Philippians 1:29; Colossians 1:24; 1 Thessalonians 3:3; 2 Timothy 2:12; 1 Peter 2:20, 4:12-13).
90. The Word of God works in us (1 Thessalonians 2:13).
91. We are not ashamed (Romans 9:33, 10:11).
92. We will never thirst again (John 6:35).
93. We will not be confounded (1 Peter 2:6).
94. We overcome the world (1 John 5:5).
95. His great power is *toward* us who believe (Ephesians 1:19).

## CONCLUSION

When we speak about the things Christ has done in us and for us, we can understand that if God be for us, nothing and no one can be against us (Romans 8:31-39).

Imagine if you were to take each point, one at a time, and say, "Holy Spirit, minister this to me." Before you know it, you would begin ministering to Him by responding to the promises! But also, you would wonder, "Why? Why has He done all these things for *me*?" You would never want to miss an opportunity to be in His presence.

Hide these truths in your heart and ponder them. This is how you will come to know the One who, through the Spirit, did it all.