

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY: (ORGANIZED BIBLE KNOWLEDGE)

Part VII: Soteriology (Doctrine Of Salvation)

D. The Riches Of Positional Salvation

I. Introduction

- A. The moment a believer receives Christ as his Savior, a great transformation occurs.
- B. There are 33 **positional** aspects of his salvation that are true at the point of salvation that the believer should know and apply for his edification as follows:

II. The Riches Of Positional Salvation (I am indebted to L. S. Chafer's Systematic Theology, vol. III, "Soteriology," p. 232-266 for this material except for my the views of election and predestination!)

- A. There are 33 known positional truths about every believer the instant he trusts in Christ, Ibid., p. 232.
- B. All of these truths are not themselves experienced, are not related to human merit, are unchanging, eternal and known only by way of special revelation from the Scriptures, Ibid.
- C. We list these 33 positional truths of the believer's salvation as follows:
 1. He is in the eternal plan of God, destined for God's heavenly glory, Romans 8:28-30.
 - a. He is foreknown as God's child from eternity past, 1 Peter 1:2.
 - b. He is predestinated by God unto glorification with Christ, Romans 8:29.
 - c. He is elect unto post-justification blessings, 1 Peter 1:2, 2 Thess. 2:13; Eph. 1:4-5.
 - d. He is called by the Gospel unto faith in Christ, Romans 8:30.
 2. He is redeemed, or purchased out of the slave market of sin to be at liberty to live for God, Gal. 5:1.
 3. He is positionally reconciled to God so he can have peace with God, 2 Corinthians 5:20; Rom. 5:1.
 4. He is related to God by propitiation (the satisfaction of God's wrath) so he will escape the entire seven-year Tribulation Era expression of divine wrath, 1 Jn. 2:2; 2 Thess. 2:10b-15; 1 Thess. 5:1-9.
 5. He is forgiven all trespasses, Colossians 2:13.
 6. He is joined to Christ for a "New Walk" in holiness, or separation from sin, Romans 6:1-10.
 7. He is made free from the jurisdiction of the Mosaic Law, Romans 7:2-6.
 8. He is made a child of God, John 1:12-13.
 - a. He is born anew (again), John 3:6.
 - b. He has been regenerated, Titus 3:5.
 - c. He is spiritually made alive, or quickened, Colossians 2:13; Ephesians 2:1.
 - d. He is a son of God, 1 John 3:2
 - e. He is a new creation in Christ, 2 Corinthians 5:17.
 9. He is adopted as an adult son towards a destiny of the rapture, Romans 8:23.
 10. He is positionally made acceptable to God the Father by Jesus Christ, Ephesians 1:6.
 - a. He is made righteous, 2 Corinthians 5:21.
 - b. He is positionally sanctified, positionally separated from sin unto God, 1 Corinthians 6:11.
 - c. He is positionally perfected forever, Hebrews 10:14.
 - d. He is made accepted to the Father in God the Beloved Son, Ephesians 1:6.
 - e. He is made fit or "meet" to partake in a heavenly inheritance, Colossians 1:12.
 11. He is pronounced righteous (justified) by God, Romans 3:26.
 12. He is "made nigh" to God for purposes of intimate spiritual fellowship with Him, Ephesians 2:13.
 13. He is delivered from the Satanic powers of darkness, Colossians 1:13.
 14. He is translated into the kingdom of God's Beloved Son, Colossians 1:13.
 15. He is placed on the Rock, Christ Jesus for purposes of salvation eternal security, 1 Corinthians 3:9-15.
 16. He is made a gift from the Father to Christ, John 17:2, 6, 9; Revelation 1:6.
 17. He is circumcised in Christ to live above the power of his sin nature, Romans 6:6; Colossians 2:11.
 18. He is a partaker of a holy and a royal priesthood, 1 Peter 2:5, 9; Revelation 1:6.
 19. He belongs to a chosen generation, a holy nation and a peculiar people, 1 Peter 2:9.
 20. He is a citizen of heaven for purposes of destiny in heaven, Philippians 3:20.
 21. He belongs to God's family and household for identity and union with God and the saints, Eph. 2:19.
 22. He is in the fellowship of the saints for purposes of fulfilling church relationships, John 17:21-23.
 23. He has a heavenly association for service and destiny, 1 Corinthians 15:51-58.
 - a. He is a partner with Christ in life, Colossians 1:27.
 - b. He is a partner with Christ in heavenly position, Colossians 3:1; Ephesians 2:6.
 - c. He is a partner with Christ in service, 1 Corinthians 15:51-58.
 - d. He is a partner with Christ in suffering, 2 Timothy 2:12; 1 Peter 4:12-13.
 - e. He is a partner with Christ in prayer, John 14:12-14.
 - f. He is a partner with Christ in spiritual betrothal, Ephesians 5:25-27.
 - g. He is a partner with Christ in expectation, Titus 2:13 with Hebrews 10:13.

24. He has access to God for matters of prayer and fellowship with God, Romans 5:2; Ephesians 2:18.
 - a. He has access into God's grace, Romans 5:2.
 - b. He has access unto the Father, Ephesians 2:18.
 - c. He has reassurance in this access, Hebrews 4:16; 10:19-20.
25. He is put into the "much more" care of God with numerous securities, Romans 8:32; 5:8-9.
 - a. He is made an object of God's love, 1 John 3:16
 - b. He is made an object of God's grace, effecting his (a) salvation (Eph. 2:7-9), (b) safekeeping (Rom. 5:2) and (c) service (John 17:18; Eph. 4:7).
 - c. He is made an object of God's faithfulness, Hebrews 13:5; Philippians 1:6; 1 Thess. 5:24.
 - d. He is made an object of God's peace, Romans 5:1 with John 14:27.
 - e. He is made an object of God's consolation, 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17.
 - f. He is made an object of the Holy Spirit's intercession, Rom. 8:26; Eph. 6:18; Jude :20.
26. He is become the inheritance of God the Father, Ephesians 1:18.
27. He is given a heavenly inheritance, 1 Peter 1:4.
28. He is made light in the Lord, which glory will one day be displayed, Ephesians 5:8; Daniel 12:2-3.
29. He is vitally united with the Triune Godhead, Matthew 28:19-20 with 2 Corinthians 13:14.
 - a. He is in God the Father (1 Thessalonians 1:1) and God the Father is in him (Eph. 4:6).
 - b. He is in God the Son (Romans 8:1) and God the Son is in him (John 14:20).
 - c. He is in God the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:9) and God the Holy Spirit is in him (1 Cor. 2:12).
30. He is blessed with the earnest of the Spirit in pledge of final fulfillment at the rapture, Rom. 8:18, 30.
 - a. He is born of the Spirit, John 3:6.
 - b. He is baptized by the Spirit, 1 Corinthians 12:13.
 - c. He is indwelt or anointed by the Spirit for equipping for every conflict and service, John 7:39; Rom. 5:5; 8:9; 2 Cor. 1:21; Gal. 4:6; 1 John 2:27; 3:24.
 - d. He is sealed by the Spirit for security in his justified status until the day of redemption, Ep. 1:13-14.
 - e. He is equipped for filling by the Spirit for power and effectiveness in life and service, Eph. 5:18.
31. He is positionally glorified with the promise of future experiential glorification, Rom. 8:18, 30.
32. He is complete in Christ so that he needs no other position, Colossians 2:9-10.
33. He possesses every spiritual blessing in Christ so that he needs no other spiritual blessing, Eph. 1:3.

Lesson: *The INSTANT one receives Jesus Christ as his personal Savior from sin, God grants him in Christ everything he needs in a POSITIONAL frame for a victorious walk with God. The believer thus needs to KNOW these positional truths so he can APPLY them by FAITH in God for victory in life and service.*

Application: *Upon view the list of the riches we have in Christ, (1) we can put to rest many insecurities we might have concerning God's commitment to us, and (2) discern errors of false teachings on our position and blessings in Christ (3) so as to serve the Lord with productivity and fulfilling joy!*