

POSITIONAL TRUTH

POSITIONAL TRUTH past accomplished fact believe by faith something God has done initial accomplished by our faith and by divine decree	EXPERIENTIAL TRUTH present apply, obey live in keeping with your position something we do daily progressive accomplished by the Holy Spirit and the Word of God	ULTIMATE TRUTH future hope for believe by faith something God will do complete accomplished by a miracle (miraculous change)
union with Christ "in Christ" (Rom. 8:1; et al.)	become more like Christ "predestined (to become) conformed to the image of His Son" (Rom. 8:29)	made like Christ "we shall be like Him" (1 John 3:2)
imputed righteousness (declared righteous) "the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe" (Rom. 3:22) "that we might become the righteousness of God in Him" (2 Cor. 5:21)	live righteously (be righteous) "to live sensibly, righteously, and godly in the present age" (Titus 2:12) "pursue after righteousness" (1 Tim. 6:11; 2 Tim. 2:22) "practice righteousness" (1 John 3:10)	perfect righteousness (made righteous) "in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord . . . will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing" (2 Tim. 4:8)
positional sanctification (declared holy = are holy) "those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus" (1 Cor. 1:2) "you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us . . . righteousness and sanctification, and redemption" (1 Cor. 1:30) "you were sanctified . . . in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 6:11)	experiential sanctification (live holy lives = be holy) "be holy yourselves also in all your behavior" (1 Peter 1:15) "YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY" (1 Peter 1:16) "that we may share His holiness" (Heb. 12:10) "perfecting holiness" (2 Cor. 7:1)	ultimate sanctification (made holy = glorified by God) "that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she should be holy and blameless" (Eph. 5:27)
declared crucified and dead (identified with Christ in His death on the cross) "I have been crucified (aorist) with Christ" (Gal. 2:20) "you have died with Christ" (Col. 2:20) "we have died with Christ" (Rom. 6:8) "our old man was crucified with Him" (Rom. 6:6) "we who died to sin" (Rom. 6:2) "consider yourselves to be dead to sin" (Rom. 6:11) "the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world" (Gal. 6:14)	die to self daily (die to sin, the flesh, and the world daily) "if by the Spirit you are putting to death (continuous present) the deeds of the body" (Rom. 8:13) "Now those who belong to Christ Jesus crucify (gnomic aorist) the flesh with its passions and desires" (Gal. 5:24).	dead to self, sin, the flesh, and the world (made completely dead to self, sin, the flesh, and the world) "Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father" (Matt. 13:43)
declared buried (identified with Christ in His burial) <i>breaks the last tie between man and his earthly life</i> "we have been buried with Him" (Rom. 6:4)	believer's baptism (ritually identified with Christ's burial) <i>live as though all ties to your former life and to this world have been broken</i> "baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit" (Matt. 28:19)	made like Christ <i>all ties to your former life and to this world will be completely broken</i>
declared resurrected (identified with Christ in His resurrection) "alive to God in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 6:11)	believer's baptism (live a resurrected life) "so we too might walk in newness of life" (Rom. 6:4)	made like Christ (given a resurrection body) "we shall be also (in the likeness) of His resurrection" (Rom. 6:5)
declared seated (identified with Christ in His session at the Father's right hand) "seated us with Him in the heavenly places, in Christ Jesus" (Eph. 2:6)	exercise delegated authority . . . and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her!" (Acts 16:18) "will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ" (Rom. 5:17)	reign with Christ "If we endure, we shall also reign with Him" (2 Tim. 2:12a). "I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My Throne" (Rev. 3:21)
positional overcomer (identified with Christ in his victory over the flesh, the world, and Satan) "whatever is born of God overcomes the world" (1 John 5:4) "who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?" (1 John 5:5)	experiential overcomer (personally overcome all enemies in spiritual warfare) "I have overcome the world" (John 16:33) "you have overcome the evil one" (1 John 2:13, 14) "you are from God, little children, and have overcome them" (1 John 4:4) "To him who overcomes" (Rev. 2:7, 11, 17) "he who overcomes" (Rev. 2:26; 3:5, 12, 21; 21:7) "they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony" (Rev. 12:11)	ultimate overcomer (honored as an overcomer in the next life forever) "as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne" (Rev. 3:21) "the Lion . . . from the tribe of Judah . . . has overcome" (Rev. 5:5)