

THE TWO ADAMS

THE IMPORTANCE OF POSITIONAL TRUTH

"For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive."
~ 1 Corinthians 15:22

1. Positional Truth

- a. Many Christians go through life ignorant of their new position in Christ
- b. Others see contradictions where they are ignorant (e.g gravity/ flight, saint/sins)
- c. There is a difference between your position and your condition
- d. Your position describes your identity, access, duty, and authority.
- e. Your condition describes your circumstances at any given time.
- f. Your spiritual growth depends on understanding position and condition.

2. Examples of Positional Truth

- a. Change your job: position has changed your duties, salary, authority
- b. Change your citizenship: position has changed your access to benefits & identity
- c. Getting married: position changes your responsibility, identity, bank account
- d. Jesus' baptism: his condition was sinless, he took the position of sinful Israel
- e. Two Adams (Adam, Christ) doctrine is a positional truth – 1 Cor 15:22, 45

3. All in Adam

- a. One man's sin brought sin into the world – Eph 2:2-3
- b. By one man all die as a result of sin - 1 Cor 15:22, Rom 5:12
- c. By one man judgment came upon all men – Rom 5:18
- d. All are made sinners by one man's disobedience – Rom 5:19

4. All in Christ

- a. One man brings righteousness freely to the world – Rom 3:21-25
- b. By one man all are made alive as a result of his free gift – 1 Cor 15:22, 45
- c. By one man justification came upon all men - Rom 5:18
- d. All are made righteous by one man's obedience – Rom 5:19
- e. Our position has changed in Christ: Rom 6:3, 9-12, 13-14
- f. Our condition is still in corruption: Rom 7:14, 25

5. When Our Position Becomes our Condition ~ 1 Cor 15:42-48

- a. Corruption/Incorruption = our position in Adam vs. our position in Christ
- b. Dishonour/glory = our position Psa 8:5, 25:2, Col 1:27, 3:4, 1 Thess 2:19-20
- c. Weak/power = our capability: 2 Cor 12:9-10, 13:3-5, Eph 1:19-20, 3:20, Phil 3:10
- d. Natural/spiritual = flesh is carnal, Spirit is life - Rom 8:1-11; 1 Cor 2:11-15
- e. Earthly/ heavenly = our location – Eph 2:6, Phil 3:20, Col 3:1
- f. Mortal/Immortal = our eternal life – Rom 2:7-10, 6:9-10, 23
- g. We press on toward this mark of resurrected life in Christ – Phil 3:9-14