

“Positionally and Practically”

A clear biblical understanding of who you are in Christ is of vital importance in your walk as a Christian. Mankind inherited a sinful nature from our father Adam (Ps. 51:5; Rom. 5:12-14). Jesus came as God in the flesh to restore by His obedience the relationship with God that was lost by Adam’s disobedience (Rom. 5:15-21). The new birth that Jesus spoke about (John 3:3-8) is the amazing transformation that occurs when one receives the gift of God by faith in Christ (Eph. 2:8-9). The two columns below contrast who you were *before* Christ (in Adam) and who you are *now* in Christ. Your position in Christ is based on the unchanging objective word of God and not on subjective feelings that can change with circumstances.

In Adam		In Christ
Dead	1Cor. 15:22	Alive
Father is the devil	John 8:41-44	Father is God
Devil’s nature	Eph. 2:3; 2Pet. 1:4	God’s nature
Satan energized	Eph. 2:2; Phil. 2:13	God energized
in power of darkness	Col. 1:12-14	in Christ’s Kingdom
you were	1Cor. 6:11	you are

In Christ, you have peace with God (Rom. 5:1). Believers are new creatures (2Cor. 5:17) with a new nature (1Pet. 1:4). Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit (1Cor. 3:16-17, 6:19-20). This is who you *now* are!

Some confusion about our position in Christ often arises because in practice we still sin (1 John 1:6-10). We wrestle with the flesh (Greek *sarx*, Gal. 5:16). The flesh is the propensity to sin or sinful habits that so easily beset us (Heb. 12:1; 1Pet. 2:11). However, the scriptures say we are saints (our position in Christ), not sinners (1Cor. 1:2; Eph. 1:1; Col. 1:2, 26). You have *one new* nature, His (1Cor. 2:16). Act like who you are (Gal. 2:20)!

