

Victory over the Darkness--Chapter 3

See Yourself for Who You Really Are

Theology Before Practicality [p 59]

A fruitful Christian life is the result of living by faith according to what God said is true. [p 59]

We can't skip the doctrinal/theological portions for the practical portions. You can't fulfill the PRACTICAL command without being convinced of the doctrinal/theological truth.

Doctrinal/Theological	Practical
<i>Ephesians 2:6</i>	<i>Ephesians 6:11</i>
<i>Romans 5:1</i>	<i>Romans 12:12</i>

When your basic belief system about God and yourself is shaky, your day-to-day behavior system will be shaky. When your belief system is intact and your relationship with God is based on truth, however, you will have very little trouble working out the practical aspects of daily Christianity. [p. 60]

Positional and Progressive Sanctification [p 60]

Salvation		
Past	Present	Future
<i>Ephesians 2:4-5 & 8</i>	<i>1Corinthians 1:18</i> <i>2Corinthians 2:15</i>	<i>Romans 5:9-10</i> <i>Romans 13: 11</i>

Sanctification		
Past/ Positional	Present/ Progressive	Future
<i>1Corinthians 6:19</i> <i>2 Peter 1:3-4</i>	<i>Romans 6:22</i> <i>2 Corinthians 7:1</i>	<i>1 Thess. 3:12-13</i> <i>& 5:23-24</i>

We are not trying to become children of God; we are already children of God who are becoming like Christ. [p 61]

Get right with God First

Getting right with each other [relationally] begins with getting right with God. Getting right with God always begins with settling once and for all the fact that God is your loving fFather and you are His accepted child **That is the foundational truth from which you live.**[p 62]

It is not what we do that determines who we are; it is who we are that determines what we do. [p 63]

Our opposition—the father of lies *John 8:44; Revelation 12:10*

The Fallout from God's Grace

Since I Am in Christ

Since I Am in Christ, by the grace of God....

I have been justified—completely forgiven and made righteous (Rom. 5:1).
I died with Christ and died to the power of sin's rule over my life (Rom. 6:1-6).

I am free forever from condemnation (Rom. 8:1).

I have been placed into Christ by God's doing (1 Cor. 1:30).

I have received the Spirit of God into my life that I might know the things freely given to me by God (1 Cor. 2:12).

I have been the mind of Christ (1 Cor. 2:16).

I have been bought with a price; I am not my own; I belong to God (1 Cor. 6:19-20).

I have been established, anointed and sealed by God in Christ, and I have been given the Holy Spirit as a pledge guaranteeing our inheritance to come (2 Cor. 1:21-22; Eph. 1:13-14).

Since I have died, I no longer live for myself but for Christ (2 Cor. 5: 14-15).

I have been made righteous (2 Cor. 5: 21).

I have been crucified with Christ and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. The life I am now living is Christ's life (Gal. 2:20).

I have been blessed with every spiritual blessing (Eph. 1:3).

I was chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and am without blame before Him. (Eph. 1:4).

I was predestined—determined by God—to be adopted as God’s son (Eph. 1:5).

I have been redeemed and forgiven, and I am a recipient of His lavish grace (Eph. 1:7-8).

I have been made alive together with Christ (Eph. 2:5).

I have been raised up and seated with Christ in heaven (Eph. 2:6).

I have direct access to God through the Spirit (Eph. 2:18).

I may approach God with boldness, freedom and confidence (Eph.3:12).

I have been rescued from the domain of Satan's rule and transferred to the kingdom of Christ (Col. 1:13).

I have been redeemed and forgiven of all my sins. The debt against me has been canceled (Col. 1:14; 2:1.4).

Christ Himself is in me (Col. 1:27).

I am firmly rooted in Christ and am now being built in Him (Col.2:7).

I have been made complete in Christ (Col. 2:10).

I have been spiritually circumcised (Col. 2:11).

I have been buried, raised and made alive with Christ (Col.2:12, 13).

I died with Christ and I have been raised up with Christ. My life is now hidden with Christ in God. Christ is now my life (Col. 3: 1-4).

I have been given a spirit of power, love and self-discipline (2Tim. 1:7).

I have been saved and set apart according to God's doing (2Tim..1:9; Titus 3:5).

Because I am sanctified and am one with the Sanctifier, He is not ashamed to call me brother (Heb. 2:11).

I have the right to come boldly before the throne of God to find mercy and grace in time of need (Heb.4:16).

I have been given exceedingly great and precious promises by God by which I am a partaker of God's divine nature (2 Pet. 1:4).

Relationship Versus Harmony [p 66]

In the spiritual realm, when I was born again I became a member of God’s family.

What happens to this ideal relationship with God when we sin? Does our failure interfere with God’s acceptance of us?

We are saved by how we believe not by how we behave.

Harmony with God is based on trust and obedience. When I trust and obey God I live in harmony with Him. [p 67]

Believing the Truth about Others [p 68]

It is important that you perceive other Christians for who they are in Christ and treat them accordingly. I believe the greatest determinant for how we treat people is how we perceive them.

We affect others significantly by what we say about them. And what we say is determined by what we believe about them. [p 69]

Ephesians 4:29

Relating to God [p 69]

Many Christians live their lives as though they are walking on glass. They can’t make any mistakes because if they do, the hammer of God will fall on them.

We are not sinners in the hands of an angry God. We are saints in the hands of a loving God.

Hebrews 10:22; Ephesians 2:18; Ephesians 3:12; Romans 8:1; 1Timothy 1:7