

Return to the Foundation

1 Corinthians 15:21-22, Luke 5:12-13

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I. You have a spiritual position.

1 Corinthians 15:21-22 “For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.”

The Bible defines that we are spiritually in one of two positions: in Adam or in Christ.

A. In Adam - in death, in darkness, separated from God because of sin

1 Corinthians 15:22a “For as in Adam all die...”

When Adam sinned, by divine appointment, he represented the whole human race that would follow him, and his sin therefore affected all human beings.

B. In Christ - in life, in light, reconciled to God because of Christ

1 Corinthians 15:22b “...in Christ shall all be made alive.”

Christ represented all who would belong to Him, and His obedience, therefore, affected all believers.

Who you are in Christ when framed appropriately and meditated upon habitually, changes how you approach each day. It is key to understanding your identity and purpose.

The realities that are yours if you are in Christ:

- If you are in Christ, you are blessed with everything you will ever need. (Eph. 1:3)
- If you are in Christ, you are adopted as a son or daughter. (Eph. 1:4-5)
- If you are in Christ, you are forgiven, having been redeemed by Christ's death. (Eph. 1:7)
- If you are in Christ, you have an inheritance—all things being worked by God bring your life to a place where it is to the praise of His glory. (Eph. 1:11-12)

II. Your spiritual position will impact your mission in life.

What do your actions say about what you want out of life?

How do you grow and change to live out who you are in Christ?

A. We make it our mission to GATHER.

GATHER together in Truth to worship God

B. We make it our mission to GROW.

GROW together by grace to be more like Christ

C. We make it our mission to GO.

GO together with the Gospel to the tri-state and the world

Luke 5:12-13 “While He was in one of the cities, there came a man full of leprosy. And when he saw Jesus, he fell on his face and begged Him, ‘Lord, if You will, You can make me clean.’ And Jesus stretched out His hand and touched him, saying, ‘I will; be clean.’ And immediately the leprosy left him.”

Seeing Jesus for who He is always has an element of seeing yourself for who you are.

When you are truly desperate, you are most apt to respond to Christ as needed:

- You fall down before Him.
- You act in faith.

Jesus shows what kind of savior He is:

- He is not afraid to touch you. Jesus is not concerned about what others say about you, or what they say about Him. He comes to deliver you. He touches what we often would not.
- He makes clean by the word of His mouth.