

Church Matters: What binds our hearts together?

A secure position in Christ

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Key Idea

God's new covenant people should be tightly bound together as they appreciate their **secure position** in Christ together.

What is position in Christ?

Position is referring to every believer's foundational new identity that:

- 1) is contrary to their old identity (rebellious sinner/enemy)
- 2) stabilizes their spiritual journey and
- 3) gives continued motivation/confidence to do God's will

What is so special about our new position/identity?

[Ephesians 1:3-14](#)

Every believer has been chosen for blessing by God

He has blessed us with every spiritual blessing (3)

He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world (4)

He predestined us to adoption as sons (5)

He made us accepted in the Beloved (6)

Every believer has been placed "in Christ"

He blessed us with every spiritual blessing...in Christ (3)

He chose us in Him (4)

Adoption...by Jesus Christ (5)

He made us accepted in the Beloved (6)

In Him we have redemption...forgiveness...grace (7)

He might gather together in one all things in Christ...in Him (10)

In Him also we have obtained an inheritance (11)

In Him you also trusted (13)

In whom...you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise (13)

Every believer has been secured by the Spirit

you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise (13)

who is the guarantee of our inheritance (14)

until the redemption of the purchased possession (14)

The stabilizing motivation: This is by His will, for His glory, forever!

according to the good pleasure of His will (5)

to the praise of the glory of His grace (6)

according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself (9)

according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will (11)

to the praise of His glory (12)

to the praise of His glory (14)

How does secure position in Christ unify believers?

Through the continual realization that we are an army of desperately needy, abundantly blessed, and relentlessly dependent people.

So What?

By faith, have you received this new position/identity?

Do you stand secure in your new position/identity?

Do you represent your new position/identity well?