2Thess #119

Stand in your position Believer, you are sanctified!

As we begin to finish up this study into sanctification there becomes an apparent calling for understanding your position IN CHRIST.

It will be mostly, notes today - perhaps I’ll have you go to one chapter today.

It is a good lesson to take a lot of notes!

/No matter how far you remove yourself from God’s plan, as a true Believer, your position was secured at salvation. Positional truth is paramount to digest so that you are not shaken by false teaching in relation to your salvation. You were given 40 grace gifts at salvation and eternal security is a part of that. Your position changed in a supernatural fashion, at the moment of - true faith alone in Christ alone.\

Now here is the part many do not like to hear and that is GOD is a Father of truth, justice, righteousness as well as love and mercy, among other attributes.

Your position is secured at salvation, yet your daily condition will fluctuate.

Now when we talk about daily condition, if you do peel away from the plan of GOD… at some point, self-induced misery will occur. That may be followed by divine discipline and that is a reality of this temporal walk we are in and a reality of spiritual warfare.

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/Rev 3:19 ‘**Those whom I love (*phileō*)**, **I rebuke and discipline**; therefore be zealous and **repent**. 20 ‘Behold, **I stand at the door and knock**; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, **I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me.**

Personal love, meaning God will discipline HIS children. A Bel may miss out on rewards, crowns and blessings. Rev 3:14-22 points to fellowship, not salvation.\

The subjects of the discipline and those who want fellowship is directed at CA Bels.

Remember what I taught you about those first few chapters of Revelation.

Those first three chapters, speak to the CA dispensation. It is predominantly directed at Bels who are either walking in the new nature, under doctrinal truth. Or those loser Bels who are considered lukewarm Bels.

As well as counterfeit churches and false brethren and those Bels who have been deceived and stayed in that synagogue of Satan.

 REPEAT

Take note of how chapter four opens up;

/Rev 4:1 After these things I looked, and behold, **a door *standing* open in heaven**, and the first voice which I had heard, **like *the sound* of a trumpet speaking with me**, said, “**Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after these things.”**

This points us to the Rapture and the things that take place afterward point to the final phase- Tribulation, 2nd Advent, Great White Throne judgment.\

Read the chapters from 4 onward and you will see the church age has been completed and the end times is fully engaged.

GOD does discipline Bels who have rejected HIS word.

/Deu 8:5 “So you are to know in your heart that **the LORD your God was disciplining you just as a man disciplines his son**.

2Sam 7:14 “I will be a father to him and he will be a son to Me; **when he does wrong, I will discipline him** with a rod of men and with strokes of sons of mankind, \

God tells us repeatedly in HIS word and the history of the Bible itself, that HE uses wicked authority and Unbels to bring forth some of HIS divine discipline.

America is a prime example as well as the nation of Israel. We push further away from God and eventually we reap what we sow. Then Unbels are given access to avenues of attack or control against negative Bels.

Wicked authority and corruption over take the land. Positive Bels often become part of the collateral damage - but GOD always gives HIS positive children strength and differing forms of blessings even in adversity.

/Job 5:17 “Behold, **happy is the person whom God disciplines**, So do not reject the discipline of the Almighty.

Psa 94:10 He who disciplines the nations, **will He not rebuke, He who teaches mankind knowledge**?\

A good parent is firm but fair! A parent that truly loves a child is often very strict toward that child during rebellious times.

Psalms 94:10 speaks to teachers and leaders of churches and ministries.

/Prov 3:11 My son, **do not reject the discipline of the LORD** Or loathe His rebuke, 12 For **whom the LORD loves He disciplines**, *Just* as a father *disciplines* the son in whom he delights.\

In God’s perfect grace plan, when a Bel goes astray, GOD handles that between the Bel and HIS own justice system.

We do not judge another Bel’s problems or adversities or their victories and blessings.

We simply do not know what tests they may have to endure and what they may have brought upon themselves.

We all have days and times, short or long that we walk in the OSN more than the new nature – work out your own salvation with fear and trembling!

(Philp 2:12) REPEAT

/We know our daily condition is contingent upon the two power options. All Bels make choices for and against the plan of God, day to day and even moment to moment. The more your momentum is in the positive (New Nature), the greater your growth and more knowledge grows toward divine wisdom. This builds up the soul structure of your doctrinal library – (ECS) Edification Complex of the Soul.\

This brings in a calm assurance in the face of adversity.

This brings in strong decision-making skills under pressure.

This is the pathway toward real SM.

/Phase one of sanctification: positional truth. Which only begins at that moment of salvation, yet is designed as a growing phase in the temporal life. God’s sanctification plan is divided into three parts. The truth of God’s word and HIS precious Son’s person and work becomes not only a reality, it is what you clung onto once God the HS broke through in Common Grace. Your position in this life and for all of eternity, was changed FOREVER, never to be lost or removed.\

So, step one of sanctification that God ordained from eternity past, was that your position changed once you believed upon TLJC – you entered into a divine union with Christ.

You share in Jesus Christ, the person and work – HIS persecutions and then HIS death, burial and resurrection.

You were entered into a Royal family and Royal priesthood. You were baptized into identification with Jesus Christ.

When Christ ascended back to heaven it tells us we will also ascend into the heavens at the Rapture.

Ascending to heaven is the final destination for ALL Bels.

When Jesus sat down at the right hand of God’s throne in heaven we were sealed forever as royalty.

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You can jump over to 1Corinthians 2 RF.

Now the next step in positional truth points to higher levels of SM.

Most Bels only go into a new position and never achieve any victory or growth in that new position.

/Phase two sanctification is the walk into a super-grace life, the highest level of maturity (experiential). It is the combination of a life of consistency walking in the filling power of the Holy Spirit. While applying the Grace Apparatus of Perception (GAP) given to all Believers. God the HS working in the new nature to help guide and give spiritual information, yet it can never be fully digested until positive volition accepts this spiritual guidance.\

This points us to the operational procedure of the two power options.

Notice - God still doing all the work, yet our free will comes into play again.

The consistent function of GAP, is seen in scriptures like our anchor study in 2Thess as well as John 17:17.

The word and power of the HS are active at salvation and then into phase two - spiritual growth;

/2Thes 2:13 But we should always give thanks to God for you, brothers *and sisters* beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through **sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth.**

Jhn 17:17 “**Sanctify them in the truth;** Your word is truth.\

Your position changed because your faith in the person and work of Jesus Christ triggered the ministry of God the HS – but it took all 3!

As I mentioned last lesson, TLJC, The HS and the WORD were involved in your sanctification process.

All according to God the Father’s grace plan from eternity past.

Now the Apostle Paul touches on the mechanics of the two power options in 1Corinthians chapter two. As we get ready to close, let us just read thru this quickly to get a feel for what the Grace Apparatus is all about.

1Cor 2:4 and my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power,

The filling power of God the HS.

Human viewpoint – human I.Q. interfere and block the GAP process.

[1Co 2:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/2/5/s_1064005) so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of mankind, but on the power of God.

/[1Co 2:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/2/6/s_1064006) Yet **we do speak wisdom** among those who are mature; **a wisdom, however, not of this age**nor of the rulers of this age, who are passing away;

This is divine wisdom which can only be achieved from BD (divine knowledge) from a place of our UNION with Christ. In the New Nature (filling power HS) absorbing the WORD.\

The process is a Grace process of God’s plan – Grace Apparatus of Perception.

/[1Co 2:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/2/7/s_1064007) but **we speak God’s wisdom in a mystery, the hidden** *wisdom* which Godpredestined before the ages to our glory;

Mystery doctrine of the Church Age – not known in the other two dispensations, age of innocence (Gentiles) or the age of Israel. \

[1Co 2:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/2/8/s_1064008) *the wisdom* which none of the rulers of this age has understood; for if they had understood it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory;

[1Co 2:9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/2/9/s_1064009) but just as it is written:“THINGS WHICH EYE HAS NOT SEEN AND EAR HAS NOT HEARD,AND *WHICH* HAVE NOT ENTERED THE HUMAN HEART, ALL THATGOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM.”

 (Isa 64 & Psalm 31)

/[1Co 2:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1co/2/10/s_1064010) For **to us God revealed them through the Spirit;** for **the Spirit searches all things**, even the depths of God.

The ministry of God the HS working with a positive Bel who remains steadfast in the WORD – Grace Apparatus of Perception. The mechanics of the two power options.\

This is experiential sanctification or experiential positional truth. Meaning your walk after salvation is the second phase of that positional truth.

Experiential sanctification has several objectives. It is to carry the Believer during the intensified stage of the angelic conflict.

/In this intensified stage of the angelic conflict, every Bel is also an ambassador for Christ as well as a priest, therefore we are all called into full time Christian service. At the moment of salvation all Bels are called into military duty. The objective of experiential sanctification is to establish divine viewpoint in the devil’s world and become an important witness in the conflict.\

Believers are not called to become welcome mats and go along and get along with the cosmic system.

We are called into action after we are at a higher level of maturity and our capacity for life and virtue love increases.

/Another objective of experiential sanctification is to have the true capacity for virtue love along with true occupation with the person of Christ. One of your greatest goals should be to grow into a loving appreciation of who and what Jesus Christ is right now on this earth, not waiting until we get to heaven. This can only be accomplished through the consistency of the two power options.\

To glorify GOD in the angelic conflict is one of our highest callings on this earth.

This means certain standards have to be met.

/To glorify God through the application of divine wisdom which manufactures divine good, means your life reflects Jesus Christ more often than not. When this becomes a reality, it falls into the category of gold, silver, precious stones and it means that we have accomplished something in this life that will glorify God forever. Rewards and blessings do not glorify the individual who receives them, they glorify God’s grace who made them possible.\

So, phase 2 of positional truth or positional sanctification or experiential sanctification whichever title we know it by, comes to fruition at higher levels of maturity.

/Phase three sanctification is the Believer in his resurrection body (final positional truth). This is often called ultimate sanctification —

Phlp 3:21 **who will transform the body of our lowly condition into conformity with His glorious body**, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.

(Rom 8:29, 1Cor 1:8, 1Thes 5:23, 1Jhn 3:1-2)\

There are other words that are connected in theology with ultimate sanctification, besides resurrection.

/Many of these are doctrinal terms which indicate some of the results of the resurrection. The death of the old sin nature, the removal of human good and human viewpoint.

Jude 1:24 Now to Him who is able to protect you from stumbling, and **to make you stand in the presence of His glory, blameless with great joy**,\