

“The Truth:” Free Indeed

Review: Our Sin Nature and God’s Promise to Christians.

- The primary spiritual enemy is within: the sin nature (1 Jn. 1:8).
- “The Truth” this truth, not that truth.
- “The Truth”: the specific truth to thwart the sin nature (Jn. 8:34, 36).
- “The Truth” is not all of Scripture.
- “The Truth” when practiced allows the Christian to be at ease in Christ’s House (Jn. 8:35; Heb. 3:6).
 - The specific hope (Heb. 6:19).
 - Position will become actual (*cf.* 2 Tim. 2:15-18).
- “The Truth,” potential to be free from our sin nature (Jn. 8:32-34).
 - Not in the Old Testament” (Jn. 1:8).
 - In opposition to sin (1 Jn. 1:8).
 - The ideal basis for ordering one’s lifestyle (3 Jn. 3-4, 8).
 - Is to be used experientially (Heb. 10:26).

A. This freedom or liberty is not freedom to sin.

- a) Freedom misused to “liberate” the sin nature (Rom. 6:1-2; 14-15).
- b) Freedom misused to cover-up unproductive works (1 Pet. 2:16).
- c) Freedom misused to indulge the lust from the flesh (2 Pet. 2:18-19).

B. Our position does not replace our future inheritance.

- a) Our position is not future; we “have” it now.
 - i. 1 Cor. 12:12; “are” one Body.
 - ii. Gal. 3:26-27; when believed “were” immersed into Christ.
 - iii. Col. 3:10-11; “have put on” the New Man where there “are” no social distinctions.
- b) Therefore logically counting, or reckoning, our position does not require faith since it is in the present (Heb. 11:1; 10:23).
 - i. **Promise** from God the Father.
 - ii. **Faith** from God the Holy Spirit.
 - iii. What is promised: **hope**, is made real; the **hope** is as good as the object of **faith**.
- c) Our position’s value is that it will come to fruition (Heb. 6:19).

C. Reckoning or logically counting as so:

- a) Reckoning immersion into Christ’s death—past in the Father’s mind, (Rom. 6:3).
- b) Reckoning our co-burial with Christ—past in the Father’s mind (Rom. 6:4).
- c) Reckoning our positional resurrection out from among dead ones (Rom. 6:4).
- d) Having faith that our positional resurrection does not replace our actual resurrection—future: requires faith (Rom. 6:5, 8, 11, 13).
- e) Our position is based on the reality of our future state.

D. “The Truth’ involves our position in Christ which is reckoned to be so and also requires faith in our future resurrection out from among dead ones.