

1. Last week I began the exegesis of Col 3:18. When time expired we were about to begin a study of the phrase "in the Lord."
2. Before we continue you may want to take advantage of God's protocol for fellowship by silently naming your sins to God as we pray.
3. Let's take a look at an expanded translation of Col 3:16 and 17 and then return to our analysis of Col 3:18.

**Col 3:16 You must again and again decide to let the Word of Christ dwell richly and abundantly in your soul by means of the application of the doctrine in the sphere of your soul, teaching and encouraging one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, singing praise to God's grace as you exhale your love of God in song.**

**Col 3:17 and whatever else you choose to do, whether in spoken word or in the application of the Word of God, you must do it while giving thanks to God the Father in the name of God the Son.**

4. So far we have exegeted that portion of verse eighteen which in the KJV has been translated "*Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit* ... noting it might better be rendered "**Wives you must get under the authority of your husbands just as it has been proper and fit in the past with the result it is now the thing to do and it has to be a moment by moment process ...**"
5. The entire verse has been translated in the KJV.

KJV-New Sentence

Col 3:18 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord.

6. Before continuing with our analysis, let's see how we arrived at our expanded translation.

WIVES, SUBMIT YOURSELVES Ο γυνη υποτασσω

1. **Ho Gune Hupotasso** is better translated "Wives you must submit yourselves ..."
2. **Gune** is used of "a woman, married or unmarried" or "a wife," e.g., Mat 1:20 and 1Co 7:3-4. In the RV of 1Ti 3:11 we find **Gune** translated women; a reference to the wives of deacons as clearly seen in verses eleven and twelve compared with verse ten.
3. The present imperative tells us it has to be a continuing process in which you decide daily to do what wives in the past have done "even as Sarah called Abraham her lord"; so must you adopt that same mental attitude. This difficult task can only be accomplished as you make a habit of transforming your minds.

4. **Hupotasso** was often used in secular writings of submission to military authority. It is used more than forty times in the New Testament and variously translated, "subject to, subjection to, being made, has put, to be obedient, subdue" and "submitting."

UNTO YOUR OWN HUSBANDS, Ο ΑΝΗΡ

1. **Ho Aner** is better translated "to your noble and honorable right man ..." or "to your husbands ..."

2. **Aner** is a derivative of **Anthropos**. It more often than not emphasizes the noble nature of the man.

AS IT IS FIT ΩΣ ΑΝΗΚΕΩ

1. **Hos Anekeo** is literally "just as it has been proper and fit in the past with the result it is now the thing to do ..."

2. **Anekeo** is also written **Aneko**. It is translated "are *not* consistent" and "which is convenient." The verb therefore means "to be consistent, to be convenient, to be fit," or "to be proper in the sense of consistent and correct conduct." To put it simply, both **Aneko and Anekeo** mean to know and execute the protocol of God.

3. Wives are to follow the protocol plan of God rather than that which is taught in the world.

4. Submission begins in the mind and becomes a daily task. Submitting can only be done when you are "in the Lord."

IN THE LORD ΕΝ ΚΥΡΙΟΣ.

1. **En Kurios** is well translated "in the Lord. ..."

2. **En** is a preposition followed by the noun **Kurios**, declined as a locative singular and used as the object of the preposition.

3. Being in the Lord is another way of saying do what the Scripture demands. Specifically, it would seem "in the Lord" refers to our sanctification--both positional and temporal.

4. Several examples of "in the Lord" will help us understand **En Kurios**.

Phi 2:19 I hope **in the Lord** Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, that I also may be cheered when I receive news about you.

Phi 2:20 I have no one else like him, who takes a genuine interest in your welfare.

Phi 2:23 Him therefore I hope to send presently, so soon as I shall see how it will go with

me.

Phi 2:24 But I trust **in the Lord** that I also myself shall come shortly.

Phi 2:25 Yet I supposed it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, and companion in labour, and fellowsoldier, but your messenger, and he that ministered to my wants.

Phi 2:26 For he longed after you all, and was full of heaviness, because that ye had heard that he had been sick.

Phi 2:27 For indeed he was sick nigh unto death: but God had mercy on him; and not on him only, but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow.

Phi 2:28 Therefore I am all the more eager to send him, so that when you see him again you may be glad and I may have less anxiety.

Phi 2:29 Welcome him **in the Lord** with great joy, and honor men like him,

Phi 2:30 because he almost died for the work of Christ, risking his life to make up for the help you could not give me.

Eph 6:21 But that ye also may know my affairs, and how I do, Tychicus, a beloved brother and faithful minister **in the Lord**, shall make known to you all things:

Eph 6:22 Whom I have sent unto you for the same purpose, that ye might know our affairs, and that he might comfort your hearts.

1Th 1:1 Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, unto the church of the Thessalonians which is **in God the Father and in the Lord Jesus Christ**: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

1Th 1:2 We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers;

2Th 3:4 We have confidence **in the Lord** that you are doing and will continue to do the things we command.

2Th 3:5 May the Lord direct your hearts into God's love and Christ's perseverance.

2Th 3:6 **In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ**, we command you, brothers, to keep away from every brother who is idle and does not live according to the teaching you received from us.

2Th 3:7 For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you,

2Th 3:8 nor did we eat anyone's food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, laboring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you.

2Th 3:9 We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to make ourselves a model for you to follow.

Acts 14:3 Long time therefore abode they speaking boldly **in the Lord**, which gave testimony unto the word of his grace, and granted signs and wonders to be done by their hands.

Acts 14:4 But the multitude of the city was divided: and part held with the Jews, and part with the apostles.

Acts 14:5 And when there was an assault made both of the Gentiles, and also of the Jews with their rulers, to use them despitefully, and to stone them,

Acts 14:6 They were ware of it, and fled unto Lystra and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, and unto the region that lieth round about:

Acts 14:7 And there they preached the gospel.

Rev 14:13 Then I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write: Blessed are the dead who die **in the Lord** from now on." "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them."

Rev 14:14 I looked, and there before me was a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was one "like a son of man" with a crown of gold on his head and a sharp sickle in his hand.

Rev 14:15 Then another angel came out of the temple and called in a loud voice to him who was sitting on the cloud, "Take your sickle and reap, because the time to reap has come, for the harvest of the earth is ripe."

Rev 14:16 So he who was seated on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and the earth was harvested.

5. The phrase "in the Lord" is closely related to our categorical study of the term positional truth. So let's review our Doctrine of Positional Truth.

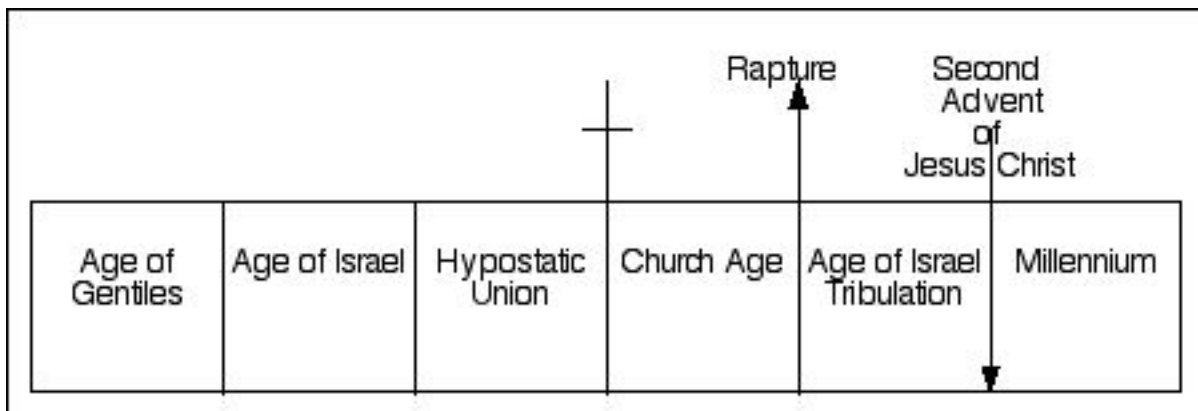
### Doctrine of Positional Truth

1. The Holy Spirit joined us to Christ at the moment of salvation.

1Co 12:13 For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body--whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free--and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

Joh 7:38 Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him."

Joh 7:39 By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.



Acts 1:4 On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.

Acts 1:5 For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

2. Positional Truth belongs to the carnal believer as well as the spiritual believer.

<p><b>Pisteuo Christ = Eternal Salvation</b></p> <p><b>Pisteuo Doctrine = Spiritual Maturity</b></p>
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1Co 1:2 To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be holy, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ--their Lord and ours:

1Co 1:30 It is because of the God that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God--that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.

3. Positional Truth qualifies the believer to be with God forever. Joh 3:16-18

Joh 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Joh 3:17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Joh 3:18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

2Co 5:21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

4. Positional Sanctification protects the believer from divine judgment in eternity.

Rom 8:1 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,

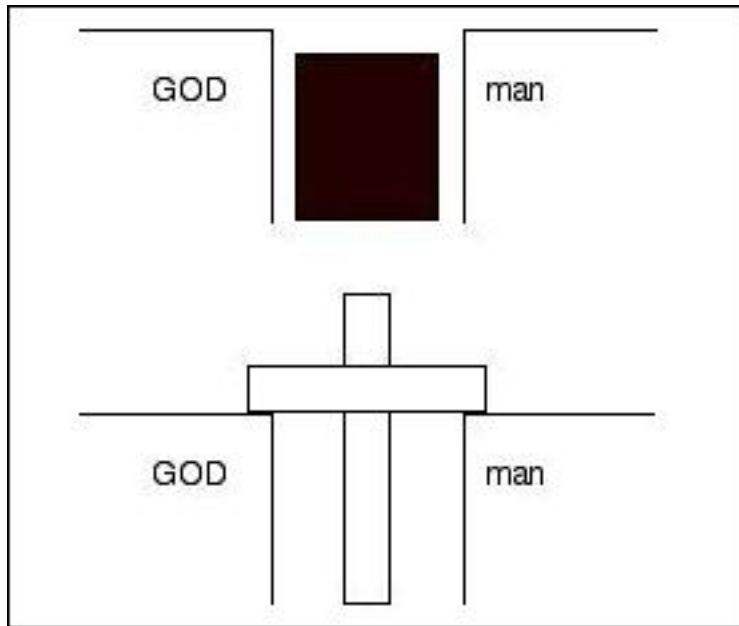
5. Positional Truth explains two of the most complex and difficult stumbling blocks in theology, i.e., election and predestination.

Eph 1:3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

Eph 1:4 For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love

Eph 1:5 he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will--

Eph 1:6 to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.



Rom 8:29 For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

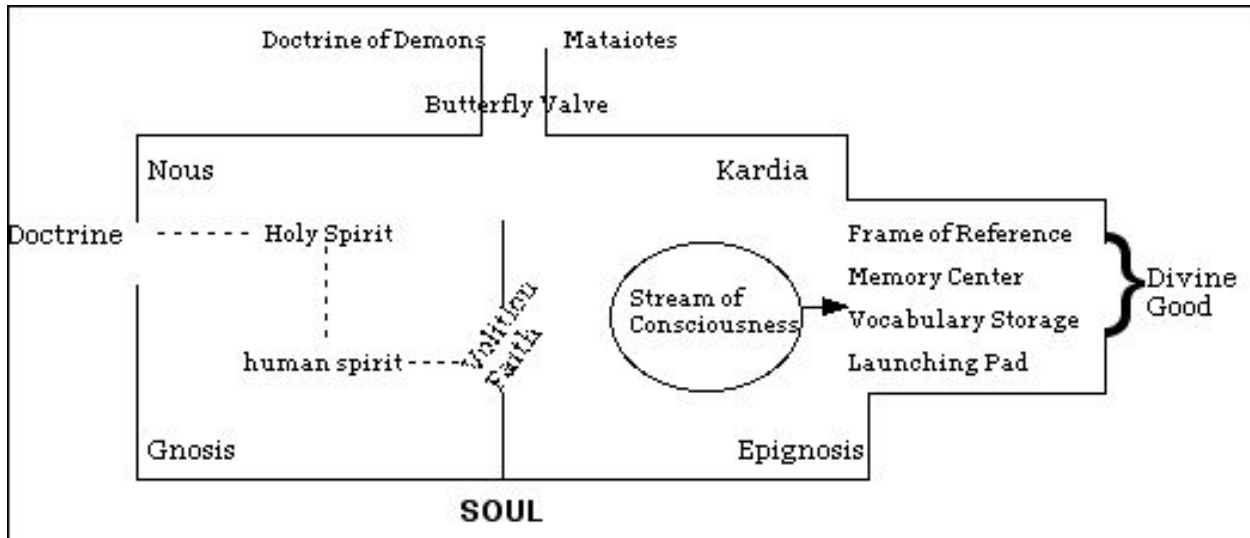
Rom 8:30 And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

Rom 8:31 What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us?

Rom 8:32 He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all--how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

Rom 8:33 Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies.

6. Positional Truth produces a new species in Christ.



2Co 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

2Co 5:18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:

2Co 5:19 that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

7. Positional Truth guarantees eternal security of the believer.

Rom 8:38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers,

Rom 8:39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

8. Positional Truth is then retroactive and yet current.

8.1 Retroactive

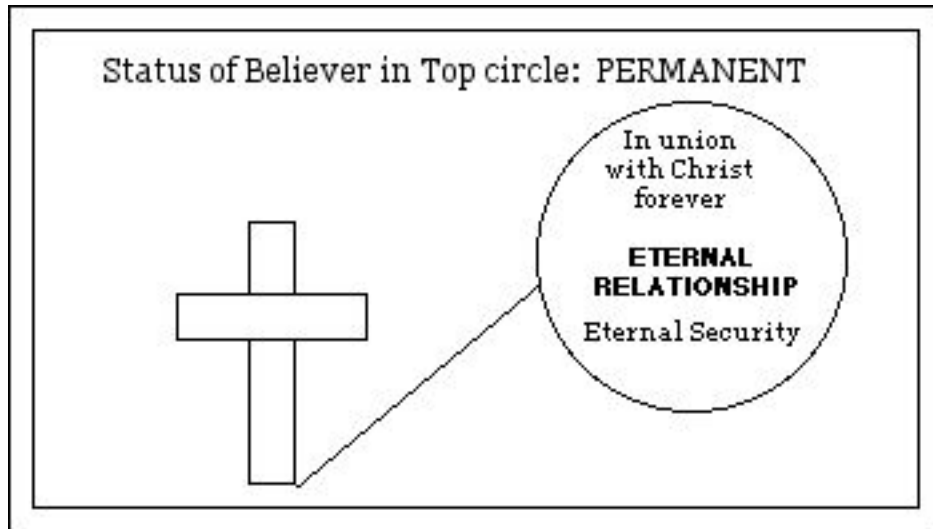
Col 2:12 having been buried with him in baptism and raised with him through your faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.

8.2 Current: We share

8.2.1 the eternal life of Christ now -

1Jo 5:11 And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

1Jo 5:12 He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.



### 8.2.2 Jesus' righteousness -

2Co 5:21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

### 8.2.3 Jesus' election -

Eph 1:4 For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.

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