

WELCOME TO
CALVARY CHAPEL
LAVSSEPI
WHERE JESUS
IS LORD!!!

8 ways we Identify with Christ

- 1 Crucified with Him**
- 2 Died with Him**
- 3 Buried with Him**
- 4 Quickened with Him**
- 5 Risen with Him**
- 6 Joint-Heirs with Him**
- 7 Suffer with Him &**
- 8 Are glorified with Him**

8 Positional Truths seen thus far

Redemption

Reconciliation

Propitiation

Forgiveness

Justification

Glorification

Deliverance

Circumcision

Positional Truth # 9

**The saint has
been made
“Acceptable to God”**

ACCEPTABLE

Ephesians 1:6

**To the praise of the glory
of His grace, wherein
He hath made us
accepted in the beloved.**

ACCEPTABLE

1st Peter 2:5

Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, *acceptable to God by JC.*

There are 5 Distinct
Features, Aspects,
Components, Facets,
or Sides, of being
Acceptable to God

1st Aspect ...

... of being
acceptable to God
is that the righteousness
of Jesus has been
IMPARTED or IMPUTED
to the believer.

1st Aspect : **Imputeth**

Romans 4:5-6

5 But to him that
worketh not, but
believeth on Him that
justifieth the ungodly,
his faith is **counted** for
righteousness

1st Aspect : **Imputeth**

Romans 4:5-6

6 Even as David also described the blessedness of the man, unto whom God ***imputeth*** righteousness without works

1st Aspect: **Imputeth**

Imputeth = logizomai

(log-id'-zom-ahee)

1) to reckon, count, compute, calculate, count over

1a) to take into account, to make an account of

1st Aspect: **Imputeth**

logizomai

(log-id'-zom-ah-ee)

1a1) Metaph (used here)

"to pass to one's account."

1 Tim 4:16 uses, "lay to one's charge"

1st Aspect: **Imputeth**

1st Corinthians 1:30

But of Him are ye in CJ,
who of God is made unto
us wisdom, and
righteousness, and
sanctification and
redemption:

1st Aspect: **Imputeth**

2nd Corinthians 5:21

**For He hath made Him
*to be sin for us, who
knew no sin; that we
might be made the
righteousness
of God in Him.***

2nd Aspect ...

... of being
acceptable to God
is that the
Christian has been
SANCTIFIED positionally

2nd Aspect: Sanctified

1st Corinthians 1:2

Unto the church of God
which is at Corinth to them
that are *sanctified* in CJ,
called to be saints w/all that
in every place call upon the
Name of JC our Lord, both
theirs & ours:

2nd Aspect: Sanctified

1st Corinthians 1:30

**But of Him are ye in CJ,
who of God is made
unto us wisdom,
and righteousness,
and *sanctification*
and redemption:**

2nd Aspect: Sanctified

1st Corinthians 6:11

And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are *sanctified*, but ye are justified in the Name of the LJ, & by the Spirit of our God.

3rd Aspect ...

... on being
acceptable to God
is that the believer in
Jesus Christ has been
"PERFECTED FOR EVER"

3rd Aspect: Perfected

Hebrews 10:14

For by **ONE** offering He hath ***PERFECTED FOREVER,*** them that are *sanctified.*

4th Aspect ...

... on being
acceptable to God
is that God has **MADE**
the saint **ACCEPTABLE.**

4th Aspect: Made so

John 3:18

He that believeth on Him is ***not condemned***: but he that believeth not is condemned already, b/c he hath not believed in the Name of the only begotten Son of God.

4th Aspect: Made so

John 5:24

Verily, verily, I say unto you,
He that heareth my word, &
believeth on Him that sent me,
hath everlasting life, & ***shall not
come into condemnation***; but is
passed from death unto life.

5th Aspect ...

... on being
acceptable to God
is that the Christian
by God has been
"MADE MEET"

5th Aspect Made Meet

Colossians 1:12

**Giving thx unto the Father,
which hath *made us meet*
to be partakers of the
inheritance of the
saints in light.**

5th Aspect Made Meet

Which hath made us meet =
hikanoō; (hik-an-o'-o)
“to be qualified.”

- 1) to make sufficient, render fit**
- 1a) to equip one w/adequate pwr
to perform the duties of one**

Acceptable to God's 5 Aspects

- 1 Imputation of righteousness**
- 2 You have been sanctified**
- 3 Perfected forever**
- 4 God made His ppl acceptable**
- 5 You have been made meet**

Positional Truth # 10

**“Firstfruits of
the Holy Spirit”**

FIRSTFRUITS of the HS

Romans 8:23

And not only *they*, but ourselves also, ***which have the firstfruits of the Spirit***, even we ourselves groan w/in ourselves, waiting for the adoption, *to wit*, the redemption of our body.

Positional Truth # 10

We'll look at 7 aspects
dealing with the
**Firstfruits of
the Holy Spirit**

Firstfruits Facet #1 is...

... that the believing
sinner has been

"REGENERATED"

he is now "Born Again"
born of God & from God

1st Facet: Regenerated

John 3:5-6

5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be *born* of water & of *the Spirit*, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

1st Facet: Regenerated

John 3:5-6

6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is *born of the Spirit is spirit.*

1st Facet: Regenerated

Titus 3:5 Not by works of righteousness we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of *regeneration* & renewing of the HG;

Firstfruits Facet #2 is...

... that the believer has
been ***baptized by the HS,***
this puts the “newly
born” one into the
Body of Christ

2nd Facet: Baptized by HG

1st Corinthians 12:13

For by one Spirit are we all
baptized into one body,
whether Jews or Gentiles,
whether bond or free; &
have been all made to
drink into one Spirit.

Firstfruits Facet #3 is...

... that the believer is
"indwelt by the HS",
this makes your body
a Temple of God

3rd Facet: Indwelt by HS

Romans 8:9

**But ye are not in the flesh,
but in the Spirit, if so be
that the *Spirit of God dwell
in you.* Now if any man
have not the Spirit of
Christ, he is none of His.**

3rd Facet: Indwelt by HS

1st Corinthians 3:16

Know ye not that ye are
the *temple of God*, &
that the Spirit of God
dwelleth in you?

3rd Facet: Indwelt by HS

Galatians 4:6

& b/c ye are sons, God hath sent forth the *Spirit* of His Son *into your hearts*, crying, Abba, Father.

3rd Facet: Indwelt by HS

2nd Timothy 1:14

That good thing which
was committed unto
thee keep by the **HG**
which dwelleth in us.

3rd Facet: Indwelt by HS

1st John 2:27a

But the *anointing* which
ye have rcv'd of Him
abides in you ...

Firstfruits Facet #4 is...

... that the believer is
"filled by the HS",
this ministry empowers
the saint for svc, esp
for being a witness.

4th Facet: Filled by HG

Acts 13:52

**And the disciples were
*filled with joy, & with
the Holy Ghost.***

Eph 5:18 tells us don't be drunk
but be filled ***w/the Spirit.***

5th Firstfruits Facet ...

... assures the believer
that God will

KEEP HIS WORD.

That He will go thru
with & ***finish the deal.***

5th Facet: God Assures

This is shown in 2 ways:

- 1 The HS is the "**earnest**"
The Down Payment.
- 2 The believer has been
"**sealed**" by the HS.

5th Facet: God Assures

2nd Corinthians 1:22

Who hath also *sealed us,*
& *given* the *earnest* of
the Spirit in our hearts.

5th Facet: God Assures

Ephesians 1:13b-14a

... after that ye believed, ye were ***sealed w/that HS*** of promise, which is the ***earnest of our inheritance*** until the redemption of the purchased possession ...

5th Facet: God Assures

Ephesians 4:30

**And grieve not the
HS of God, whereby
ye are *sealed* unto
the day of redemption.**

Firstfruits Facet #6 ...

**... is a metaphor
associated with the
Feast of Pentecost**

Firstfruits Facet #6 ...

The Firstfruits of the field were offered to God in anticipation of the full harvest later on at the Feast of Tabernacles.

Firstfruits Facet #6 ...

You can read
Leviticus 23:15-21
at your convenience
to see this, I'm only
mentioning it in passing

The 7th Firstfruits Facet ...

... is used as a metaphor
of the Resurrection of
Christ in anticipation of
the *resurrection of the
saints at His 2nd Coming*

7th Facet: Rez Metaph

Romans 11:16

For if the *firstfruit be holy, the lump is also holy: & if the root be holy, so are the branches.*

7th Facet: Rez Metaph

1st Corinthians 15:23

*But every man in his own order: **Christ the Firstfruits;** afterward they that are **Christ's at His coming.***

7th Facet: Side Note

Romans 16:5b

... Salute my wellbeloved
Epaenetus, who is the
Firstfruits of Achaia
unto Christ.

FIRSTFRUITS OF THE HS

- 1** Regeneration: Born Again (of God)
- 2** Baptized by HS: into Christ's Body
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Positional Truth # 11

**You are in the ...
“Eternal Plan of God”
His plan for us has no end**

ETERNAL PLAN of GOD

2nd Timothy 1:9

Who has saved us, & called *us* with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to ***His own purpose*** & grace, which was given us in CJ before the world began,

ETERNAL PLAN of GOD

We'll look at 5
distinct features of
"God's Eternal Plan"

The 1st Feature of God's E Plan...

... is that the believer is
foreknown by God:
the Christian is in
God's ***foreknowledge***.

1st Feature: Foreknowledge

Romans 8:29a

For whom He did
foreknow, He also did
predestinate *to be*
conformed to the image
of His Son...

1st Feature: Foreknowledge

1st Peter 1:2a

**Elect according to
the *foreknowledge*
of God the Father ...**

2nd Feature of God's E Plan...

... is that the believers
are "***the elect***" of God:
the Christians are
God's "***election.***"

2nd Feature: God's elected

1st Peter 1:2a

***Elect* according to
the foreknowledge
of God the Father ...**

2nd Feature: God's elected

Romans 8:33

**Who shall lay any
thing to the charge of
*God's elect?***

It is God that justifieth.

2nd Feature: God's elected

Colossians 3:12

Put on t/f, as the *elect of God*, holy & beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;

3rd Feature of God's E Plan...

... is that the Christian
is *chosen* by God.

God chose to save us.

He didn't even have
to create us.

3rd Feature: God's Choice

2nd Thessalonians 2:13b

... b/c God hath from
the beginning *chosen*
you to salvation thru
sanctification of the
Spirit & belief of the truth:

4th Feature of God's E Plan...

... is that the Christian
was *called* by God.

We rcv'd a Divine
calling to salvation.

4th Feature: God's Calling

Romans 8:30

**M/o whom He did predestinate,
them He also *called*: & whom
He *called*, them He also
justified: & whom He justified,
them He also glorified.**

4th Feature: God's Calling

1st Thessalonians 5:24

**Faithful *is* He that *calleth*
you, who also will do *it*.**

4th Feature: God's Calling

2nd Thessalonians 2:14

Whereunto *He called*
you by our gospel,
to the obtaining of
the glory of our LJC.

4th Feature: God's Calling

2nd Timothy 1:9

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called us w/an holy calling,
not according to our works,
but according to His own
purpose & grace, which
was given us in CJ before
the world began,

4th Feature: God's Calling

Hebrews 3:1

**W/f, holy brethren,
partakers of the *heavenly
calling*, consider the
Apostle & High Priest of
our profession, CJ;**

Being in the Eternal Plan of God:

Is evidenced b/c...

- 1 God Foreknew us**
- 2 God Elected us**
- 3 God Chose us**
- 4 God Predestinated us**
- 5 God Called us**

Positional Truth # 12

**You have been
“Made Nigh”**

**This relates to us
Gentile believers more
than the Jewish ones.**

MADE NIGH

All the covenants were
given to the Jews.

We were alienated from
God, but now, in CJ?

WE ARE MADE NIGH.

MADE NIGH

Ephesians 2:13

**But now in CJ ye who
sometimes were far
off are *made nigh* by
the blood of Christ.**

MADE NIGH: *Application*

James 4:8

Draw nigh to God, & He will *draw nigh* to you. Cleanse *your* hands, ye sinners; & purify *your* hearts, ye dbl minded.

IF I DRAW NIGH: *Benefit*

**My works will be
righteous because my
heart will be pure, my
mind single; wholly
towards the Lord.**

Positional Truth # 13

**You have been
“Placed on the Rock”**

**God sees us as firmly
planted on Christ**

PLACED on the ROCK:

Matthew 7:24-27

24 whosoever hears these sayings of mine, & doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

PLACED on the ROCK:

Matthew 7:24-27

25 & the rain descended,
& the floods came, & the
winds blew, & beat upon
that house; & it fell not: for
it was founded upon a rock.

PLACED on the ROCK:

Matthew 7:24-27

26 & every one that hears these sayings of mine, & doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:

PLACED on the ROCK:

Matthew 7:24-27

27 & the rain descended,
& the floods came, & the
winds blew, & beat upon
that house; & it fell: &
great was the fall of it.

PLACED on the ROCK:

READ...

1st Corinthians 3:9-15

Ephesians 2:20-22

1st Peter 2:4-6

For some

Chief Cornerstone action.

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& Positionally

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&

**Have been Placed on
"The Rock"**

So what Positions are we in?

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Forgiveness
Justification
Glorification
Deliverance

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