

PRACTICING YOUR POSITION

In Christ, a Christian's position, his standing as a Son of God (Gal 3:26; Col 2:10), is perfect (1 John 3:9; 2 Cor 5:21). However, in practice he often falls short of perfection (Rom 7:18-25a; 1 John 2:1). The Christian life is the experience of becoming in practice what a Christian is in position (1 John 3:2). For every truth about one's POSITION in the New Testament, there is a matching PRACTICE that Christians should follow.

A BELIEVER'S POSITION	A BELIEVER'S PRACTICE
1. He is spiritually alive to God (Eph 2:1, 4-5; 1 John 4:9; John 11:25; Acts 17:28).	1. He should live his life for God (Phil 1:21; Gal 2:20; Rom 6:11-13; Tit 2:12).
2. He is dead to sin (Eph 1:7; Col 3:3; 1 John 1:9; 2:12; Rom 6:2-10).	2. He should not give way to sin (Rom 6:11-16; John 8:34).
3. He is forgiven (Eph 1:7; Col 3:3; 1 John 2:12; Col 1:14; Rev 1:5).	3. He should count on being forgiven (Rom 8:1, 33-34; 1 John 2:1-2).
4. He is made righteous (Rom 5:17; 4:1-6; 3:21-26; 2 Cor 5:17).	4. He should live a righteous life (2 Tim 2:22; 1 John 3:7).
5. He is a Child of God (Gal 3:26; Eph 1:5; 1 John 3:2).	5. He should act like God's child (Eph 5:1; 1 Pet 1:13-16).
6. He is God's possession (1 Cor 7:23; Gal 3:13; 1 Pet 1:18-19).	6. He should yield to God's will (Rom 12:1-2; 2 Tim 2:19-22).
7. He is an heir of God (Rom 8:17; Col 1:12; Eph 1:11, 14, 18; 1 Pet 1:3-4).	7. He should add to his inheritance (Mat 6:19-21; 2 Cor 5:9-10; 2 John v.8; 1 Cor 3:11-15).
8. He is blessed with all spiritual blessings (Eph 1:3; 2:6-7; 2 Pet 1:3-4).	8. He should set his love on things above (Col 3:1-2; 1 John 2:15-16).
9. He has been given a heavenly citizenship (John 17:14-16; Phil 3:20; 1 John 5:4-5).	9. He should live as a citizen of heaven (1 John 2:15; Col 3:1-2; Jas 1:27).
10. He is a servant of God (1 Cor 7:22-23; Rom 6:22).	10. He should act like God's servant (Rom 6:17-19; Heb 12:28).
11. He has a new life (2 Cor 5:17; Col 3:8-10).	11. He should walk in his new life (Rom 6:4; 8:3-4; Gal 5:25; Eph 4:22-24; 1 John 1:7a).
12. He is free from the Law (Rom 6:14; 7:1-6; Col 2:13-14; Gal 5:1).	12. He should fulfill the royal Law (Jas 2:8; Rom 13:8-10; Mat 22:36-40).
13. He is crucified to the world (Gal 1:3-4 & 6:14).	13. He should avoid worldly things (1 John 2:15-17; Jas 4:4; Rom 12:2; 13:11-14; Gal 5:19-21).
14. He is a light to the world (1 Thes 5:5; 2:15).	14. He should walk as a child of light (Eph

Mat 5:14).	5:8; Mat 5:15-16).
15. He is victorious over Satan (1 John 2:13-14; Rom 16:20; 1 Cor 15:57; Rev 12:9-11).	15. He should claim his victory over Satan (Eph 6:10-18; Phil 4:13).
16. He is cleansed (John 13:10-11; 15:3; 1 John 1:7, 9).	16. He should continue to cleanse himself (2 Cor 7:1; Phil 4:8; Rom 6:12-14; 1 Thes 4:3-4).
17. He is holy and without blame (1 Cor 3:17; Eph 1:3-4; Jude v.24).	17. He should live a holy life (2 Pet 3:14; 1 Pet 1:15-16).
18. He is free (John 8:32; Rom 6:18; 8:2).	18. He should enjoy his freedom (1 Pet 2:15-16; 1 Cor 7:22; Gal 5:1, 13).
19. He is in Christ (Rom 12:5; Eph 1:3, 10; 2:6, 13; 1 Cor 1:30).	19. He should live like he is in Christ (1 John 2:8-10).
20. He is secure in Christ (1 Pet 1:3-5; Rom 8:35-39; John 10:27-28; 2 Tim 1:12; Jude vs.1, 24).	20. He should enjoy that security (2 Pet 1:2-12; 2 Tim 1:12).
21. He is a possessor of peace (Rom 5:1; 14:17; John 14:27; Acts 10:36; Phil 4:7).	21. He should let peace rule in his life (Rom 14:19; Col 3:15; 1 Thes 5:13; 2 Tim 2:22).
22. He is one with God the Father and Christ (Eph 1:9-10; 4:4-6; 1 Cor 12:13).	22. He should live like he is one with God and Christ (John 17:20-23; Eph 4:3).
23. He is in grace (Rom 5:7-21).	23. He should grow in grace (Eph 4:15; 2 Thes 1:3; 2 Pet 3:17-18).
24. He is in fellowship with God and other believers (1 John 1:3-5).	24. He should continue in that fellowship (Eph 5:11; 1 John 1:6-10).
25. He is joyful (Rom 5:2).	25. He should continue in that joy (John 15:11; 16:24; 1 John 1:4; Phil 4:4).
26. He is indwelt and led by the Holy Spirit (1 Cor 6:19; Rom 8:9, 14).	26. He should yield to the Holy Spirit's control (Gal 5:25; Eph 4:30; 5:18; 1 Thes 5:19).
27. He is gifted by the Holy Spirit (1 Cor 12:1, 4-11; Rom 12:5-8).	27. He should use his gift for God (1 Cor 2:4; Eph 6:10; 2 Tim 1:6).
28. He is empowered for service (Acts 1:8; Eph 3:20; 2 Cor 4:7; 2 Tim 1:7).	28. He should claim and use that power for God (Phil 3:7-10; 4:13; 1 Cor 2:4; Eph 6:10).
29. He is loved by God the Father and Christ (Rom 5:5; 8:35-39; 1 John 2:5; 1 John 4:9).	29. He should love others (1 Pet 1:22; 4:8; John 13:34-35; 1 John 3:17-18; Mat 22:36-40).
30. He is saved to do good works (Eph 2:10; Phil 2:13; Heb 13:21).	30. He should prepare himself so he can do good works (2 Tim 2:15 & 3:16-17).