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Riches of God's Grace *



Includes those things which are done for the individual at the instant he believes

“The significant phrase, ‘the things that accompany salvation’ (Heb. 6:9), may be interpreted as referring to those mighty positions and possessions which are wrought instantaneously and simultaneously by God at the instant an individual exercises saving faith in Christ.”

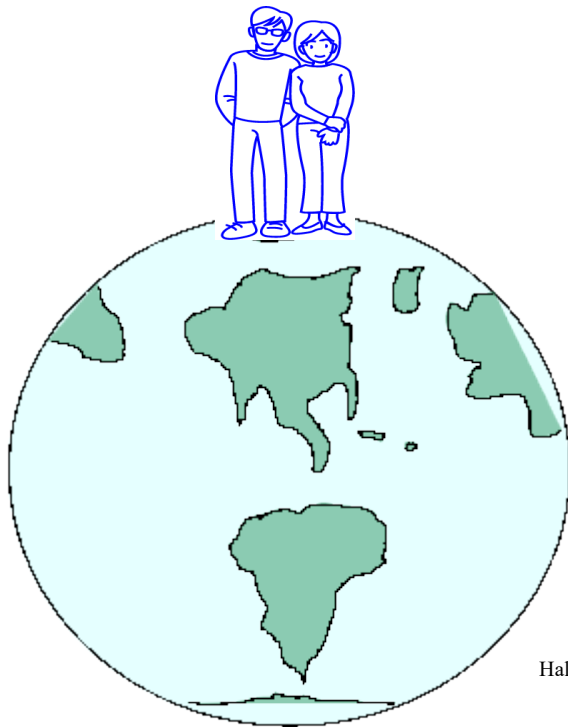
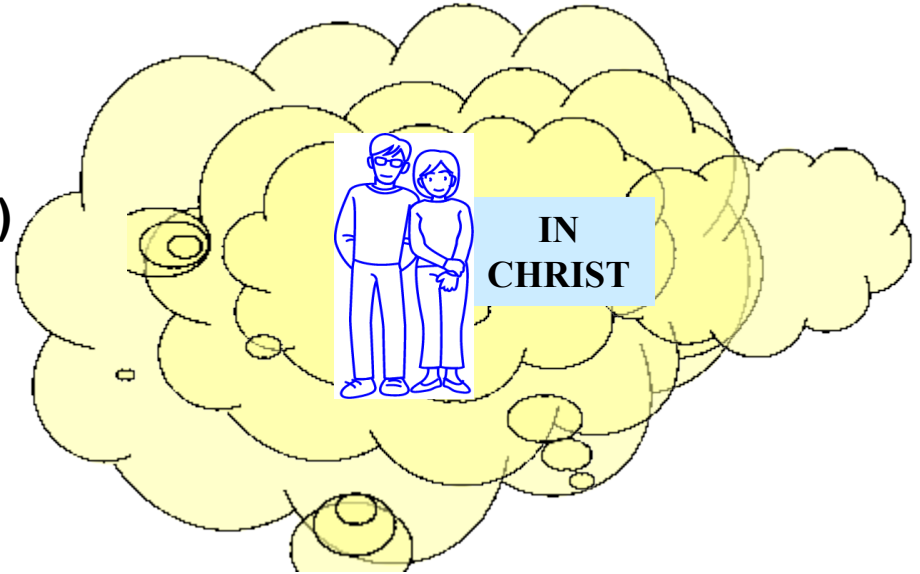
* Lewis Sperry Chafer's *Systematic Theology* (Vol. III pp225-266)

Position vs. Condition

Our **POSITION**

(WHO WE ARE IN CHRIST)

- Eternal
- Unchangeable



Our **CONDITION**

(OUR MOMENT-BY-MOMENT WALK
IN OUR CHRISTIAN LIFE)

- Temporal
- Changeable

The Essential Character of God's Riches of Divine Grace

1. They are not experienced
2. They are not progressive
3. They are in no way related to human merit
4. They are eternal in their character
5. They are known only through the Word of God
6. They are not produced by man but by God alone

1. They are not experienced

- They are facts of the newly created life out of which experiences may grow
- For example, **justification** is never experienced; yet it is a new eternal fact of divine life and relationship to God
- Rom 5:1 Therefore, **having been justified by faith, we have peace with God** through our Lord Jesus Christ,
- Another example see 2 Cor. 5:21

2. They are not progressive

- They do not grow, or develop, from a small beginning
- They are as perfect and complete the instant they are possessed as they ever will be in the ages to come

A son does not grow into fuller sonship
example: see Gal. 3:26, 1 Cor. 4:17

- An old man is no more the son of his earthly father at the day of his death than he was at the day of his birth

3. They are not related to human merit

- It was while we were yet sinners that Christ died for the ungodly - [see Rom 5:8](#)
- These riches of grace are built solely on the merits of Christ
- The believer is made to stand on the unchanging Person of the Son of God – [see Rom 14:4](#)
- The Christian is accepted (now and forever) in the beloved - [see Rom 15:7](#)

4.They are eternal in their character

- The imparted life of God is as eternal in its character as Christ himself.
- Hence the Word of His Grace says: "I give unto them eternal life and they shall never perish."
(John 10:28)
- The realization of such a relationship to God may vary in the daily walk of the believer
- The facts of the new life are never subject to change in time or eternity – example John 6:40

5. They are known only through of the Word of God

- They defy human imagination, and since they cannot be experienced, their reality can be entered into **only by believing the Word of God**
- These eternal riches of grace are for everyone who believes
- Example see **1 Thess. 2:13**

6. They are not produced by man but by God alone

- An unbeliever can take no step (other than faith in what God has done for him) in the direction of his own salvation
- The riches of God's grace are His work alone
- Only God can translate an unbeliever out of the power of darkness into the kingdom of His beloved Son
- Only God can make him a citizen of heaven
- God alone is able to provide salvation to all those who put their trust in Him

The Riches of Divine Grace *



I. In the Eternal Plan of God:

1. Foreknown
2. Elect [of God]
3. Predestinated
4. Chosen
5. Called

II. Reconciled:

1. Reconciled by God.
2. Reconciled to God.

III. Redeemed:

1. Redeemed by God.
2. Out of All Condemnation.

IV. Related to God Through a Propitiation (the satisfaction of God's holiness):

V. All Sins Covered by Atoning Blood:

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VI. Vitally Joined together with Christ for Judgment of the "Old Man" Unto a New Walk:

1. "Crucified with Christ."
2. "Dead with Christ."
3. Buried with Christ.
4. Raised with Christ to Walk by a New Life Principle.

VII. Free from the Law:

1. "Dead to the Law."
2. "Delivered from the Law."

VIII. Children of God:

1. "Born Again."
2. "Quickened," or Made Alive.
3. "Sons of God."
4. "A New Creature."
5. "Regeneration."



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IX. Adopted (placed as adult sons):

X. Acceptable to God by Jesus Christ:

- 1. Made the Righteousness of God in Christ.**
- 2. Sanctified Positionally [positionally set apart in Christ].**
- 3. "Perfected forever."**
- 4. Made accepted in the Beloved.**
- 5. Made Meet [Qualified].**

XI. Justified:

XII. Forgiven All Trespass

XIII. Made Nigh:



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XIV. Delivered from the Powers of Darkness:

XV. Translated into the Kingdom:

XVI. On the Rock Christ Jesus:

XVII. A Gift from God the Father to Christ:

XVIII. Circumcised in Christ:

XIX. Partakers of the Holy and Royal Priesthood:

- 1. "Holy Priesthood."**
- 2. "Royal Priesthood."**

XX. A Chosen Generation and a Peculiar People:

XXI. Having Access to God:

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XXII. Within the "Much More" Care of God:

- 1. Objects of His Love.**
- 2. Objects of His Grace.**
- 3. Objects of His Power.**
- 4. Objects of His Faithfulness.**
- 5. Objects of His Peace.**
- 6. Objects of His Consolation [Comfort].**
- 7. Objects of His Intercession.**

XXIII. His Inheritance:

XXIV. Our Inheritance:

XXV. A Heavenly Association:

- 1. Partners with Christ in Life.**
- 2. Partners with Christ in Position.**
- 3. Partners with Christ in Service.**
- 4. Partners with Christ in Suffering.**

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XXVI. Heavenly Citizens:

XXVII. Of the Family and Household of God:

XXVIII. Light in the Lord:

XXIX. Vitally United to the Father, Son, and Spirit:

1. In God.

2. In Christ.

(a) *A member in His Body*

(b) *A branch in the Vine*

(c) *A stone in the building*

(d) *A sheep in His flock*

(e) *A part of His bride:*

(f) *A priest of the kingdom of priests*

(g) *A saint of the "chosen generation"*

3. "In the Spirit."



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XXX. Blessed with the "First-Fruits" and the "Earnest" of the Spirit:

- 1. "Born of the Spirit."**
- 2. Baptized with the Spirit.**
- 3. Indwelt by the Spirit.**
- 4. Sealed with the Spirit.**
- 5. Anointed with the Spirit.**

XXXI. Glorified:

XXXII. Complete in Him:

XXXIII. Possessing Every Spiritual Blessing:

Summary

- The work* is now fully accomplished in and for those who have believed on the Lord Jesus Christ
- It is all superhuman and God alone could do it
- Man could never have any part in it - if he could it would at that point be imperfect and ruined forever

* Riches of God's Grace

Summary

- The "riches of God's grace" are the beginning
- Our final presentation in glory will be the completion
- His grace is the greatest divine undertaking for the one who has been lost in sin
- Nothing less than this would satisfy the infinite love of God - that He might thus be free to satisfy His boundless love for us
- He met all the issues of sin for the lost; and so perfectly has He completed it that man needs only to believe and to receive the bounty of His grace