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Our Position vs. Our Practice (A Summary of 1:1-14)

Introduction

Paul's letter is built around his presentation of positional truth as compared with the practical reality of our "walk" or performance. Looking back on the positional statements of 1:1-14 will help us to see the contrasts Paul was making.

Our Position in Christ

1. In the will of God 1:1a
2. People made holy, "saints" 1:1b
3. Every spiritual blessing, 1:3
4. God's chosen people, 1:4
5. Adopted/predestined, 1:5
6. Accepted in Jesus, 1:6
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7. Redemption by blood, 1:7a
8. Forgiveness of sins, 1:7b
9. Wisdom provided, 1:8-9
10. Unity in Christ, 1:10
11. Eternal inheritance, 1:11-12
12. Sealed by Holy Spirit, 1:13
13. Protected until the end, 1:14a
14. All for His glory, 1:6, 12,14
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Our Practice in Christ

1. Perform God's will, Rom 12:1-2
2. Be holy, separate, Lev 19:2; 2 Cor 6:17
3. Be obedient, Deut 28:1-2; Matt 5:3-11
4. Proclaim excellence of Christ, 1 Pet 2:9
5. Act like family of God, 1 Cor 2:6-7
6. Seek to do God's will, Rom 12:1-2
7. Don't grieve Holy Spirit, Eph 4:30
8. Avoid presumption, Num 15:30; Dt 17:12, 13
9. Seek discernment, God's will, 1 Cor 2 :12-16
10. Walk in Unity, Eph 4:1-6, 13; Ps 133:1
11. Do all things unto the Lord, Col 3:23-24
12. All promises in Him, 2 Cor 1:20-22
13. Avoid laziness, Heb 6:10-12
14. Do all for His glory, 1 Cor 10:31; Jn 14:13-