The Riches of God's Grace
33 Present Positions and Possessions of Every Believer in Jesus Christ

"The thirty-three stupendous works of God which together comprise the salvation of a soul are now presented…. They are wrought of God, they are wrought instantaneously, they are wrought simultaneously, they are grounded on the merit of Christ, and, being grounded on the merit of Christ, are eternal. It follows that each person of the human family at a given moment is either perfectly saved, being the recipient of every spiritual blessing in Christ Jesus, or perfectly lost, being without one of these spiritual blessings…"

-- Dr. Lewis Sperry Chafer, Systematic Theology, volume 3, page 234.

1. In the eternal plan of God
   a. Foreknown – *Rom 8:29, 1Pet 1:2*
   b. Predestinated – *Rom 8:29*
   c. Elect of God – *Rom 8:33, 1Pet 1:2, 1Thes 1:4, Col 3:12*
   d. Chosen – *Eph 1:4*
   e. Called – *Rom 8:30, 1Thes 5:24, Eph 4:1, 1Pet 5:10*
2. Redeemed – *Rom 3:24, Gal 5:1, Eph 1:7, Gal 4:5, Col 1:14, 1Cor 1:30*
3. Reconciled – *2Cor 5:18, Eph 2:16, Col 1:21*
4. Related to God through propitiation – *1Jn 2:2, Rom 3:25-26*
5. Forgiven ALL trespasses – *Eph 1:7, 4:32, Acts 26:18, Col 1:14, 2:13, 3:13, Rom 8:1*
6. United to Christ for judgment of the old man unto a new walk – *Rom 6:5-6, 2Cor 5:14-15*
7. Free from the law – *Rom 6:14, 7:4-6, 8:2-4, Gal 4:5*
8. Children of God
   a. Born again – *Jn 1:12-13, 1Pet 1:23*
   b. Regenerated – *Tt 3:5*
   c. Quickened – *Eph 2:5, Col 2:13*
   d. Sons of God – *Gal 3:26, 1Jn 3:2*
   e. A new creation – *Eph 2:10, 2Cor 5:17*
9. Adopted (position) – *Eph 1:5, Rom 8:15-16, 8:23, Gal 4:5*
10. Acceptable to God by Jesus Christ
    a. Made righteous – *2Cor 5:21, 1Cor 1:30*
    b. Sanctified positionally – *1Cor 1:30, 6:11, Acts 26:18*
    c. Perfected forever – *Heb 10:14*
    d. Made accepted in the Beloved – *Eph 1:6, 1Pet 2:5*
    e. Made worthy – *Col 1:12*
11. Justified – *1Cor 6:11, Rom 3:24-26, 4:5, 5:1*
12. Made near – *Eph 2:13*
13. Delivered from the power of darkness – *Col 1:13, Jn 5:24, Acts 26:18*
14. Translated into the Son's kingdom – *Col 1:13, Jn 5:24, Acts 26:18, 1Thes 2:12, 2Pet 1:11*
15. On the rock, Jesus Christ – *1Cor 3:9-15*
16. A gift from God the Father to Christ – *Jn 17:2,6,9,11,12,24*
17. Circumcised in Christ – *Col 2:11*
18. Partakers of the Holy and royal priesthood – *1Pet 2:5,9, Rev 1:6*
19. A chosen generation, a holy nation, a peculiar people – *1Pet 2:9*
20. Heavenly citizens – *Phil 3:20, Lk 10:20, Eph 2:6,19, Heb 12:22-23*

21. Of the family and household of God – *Eph 2:19, Gal 6:10, 2Tim 2:19*
22. In the fellowship of the saints – *Jn 17:11,21-23*
23. A Heavenly association
    a. Partners with Christ in life – *Col 3:4, 1Jn 5:11-12*
    b. Partnership in position – *Col 3:1, Eph 2:6*
    c. Partners with Christ in service – *1Cor 1:9, 3:9*
    d. Partners with Christ in suffering – *Phil 1:29, 1Pet 4:12-13, 1Thes 3:3*
    e. Partners with Christ in prayer – *Jn 14:12-14*
    f. Partners with Christ in betrothal – *Eph 5:25-27, 2Cor 11:2*
    g. Partners in expectation – *Tt 2:13, Heb 10:13, Col 3:4*
24. Having access to God
    a. Access into His grace – *Rom 5:2, 2Pet 3:18*
    b. Access unto the Father – *Eph 2:18*
    c. Access is reassuring – *Heb 4:16, 10:19-22*
25. Within the "much more" care of God – *Rom 5:8-10*
    a. Objects of His love – *Jn 3:16, Rom 5:8, 1Jn 3:16, Eph 2:4*
    b. Objects of His grace
        i. In salvation – *Eph 2:7-9*
        ii. In safe keeping – *Rom 5:2*
        iii. In service – *Eph 4:7*
        iv. In instruction – *Tt 2:12-13*
    c. Objects of His power (God is able) – *Eph 1:19, Phil 2:13*
    d. Objects of His faithfulness – *Heb 13:5, Phil 1:6, 1Thes 5:24*
    e. Objects of His peace – *Jn 14:27, Col 3:15*
    f. Objects of His consolation – *2Thes 2:16-17*
    g. Objects of His intercession
        i. Holy Spirit – *Rom 8:26*
        ii. Jesus Christ – *Rom 8:34, Heb 7:25, 9:24*
26. His inheritance – *Eph 1:18*
27. The inheritance of the saints – *1Pet 1:4, Eph 1:14, Col 1:12*
28. Light in the Lord – *Eph 5:8*
29. Vitally united to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
    a. We in the Father – *1Thes 1:1*; The Father in us – *Eph 4:6*
    b. We in the Son – *Rom 8:1*; The Son in us – *Jn 14:20*
    c. We in the Holy Spirit – *Rom 8:9*; The Holy Spirit in us – *1Cor 2:12, Rom 8:9*
30. Blessed with the earnest or first-fruits of the Spirit
    a. Born of the Spirit – *Jn 3:16*
    b. Baptized by the Spirit – *1Cor 12:13*
    c. Indwelt by the Spirit – *Jn 7:39, Rom 5:5, 8:9, 2Cor 1:21, Gal 4:6, 1Jn 2:27, 3:24*
    d. Sealed by the Spirit – *2Cor 1:22, Eph 4:30*
    e. *(Filled with the Spirit – Eph 5:18) – this is not a position, but a command based on the other ministries of the Spirit in the life of the believer*
31. Glorified – *Rom 8:18, Col 3:4, Rom 8:30*
32. Complete in Him – *Col 2:9-10*
33. Possessing every spiritual blessing – *Eph 1:3*