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**Symbols – deep realities represented**

- difference between a logo and a crest

**Last week – The Cross**

- Christ our Saviour

**Today – The Cup**

- different assumptions about what it represents
- give meaning to the cup – the blood of Christ
- Christ our Sanctifier



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*sanctify* – to set apart, cleanse or purify, consecrate, to make Holy.



Two Big Realities – *position* you have, *process* of living up to that position

- becoming a parent
- desire to be great
- ideas and theory around how
- learning and growing into the position



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## 1. Position of the Christian

a) **Justified** – just as if I never sinned

- viewed by God through Jesus – pure, clean, holy
- Rom. 8:1 “There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”
- Psalm 103:12 “as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.”
- 1 John 1:9 “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness”



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## b) Adopted Sons & Daughters

- given a new life, part of the family of God
- Eph. 1:4-5 “even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will”
- Gal. 4:5-6 “to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.”





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## c) Set Apart – people of God



- visible, belonging, new people

- 1 Peter 2:9-10 “But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.”

**\*Will of God – 1 Thess. 4:2-3 “For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. For this is the will of God, your sanctification”**

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## 2. Functionally – process of living up to who you are



- same old you, fighting old ways and desires
- difficult to say – here is your new position – go do it
  - need to learn, gain tools, trained, equipped
- many discouraged – try hard, great intention, do right things and keep failing.
  - Paul – Rom. 7:15 “For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.”



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- amazing truth – God set everything you need in place
- Gal. 1:3 “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places”
- everything you need provided by God
- not sitting in judgment, figure it out or get punished
- gently providing everything you need
- promise – never leave you or forsake you, nothing can separate you from His love, with you always



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## a) We have the Inspired Word of God



- clear about his character, will, work in our world
- accounts that evidence, teaching that instructs how
- identity – how his family operates
- living and active – word of God
- Heb. 4:12 “For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.”



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## b) We Have the Holy Spirit

- John 16:13-14 “When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

- illumines scripture to us
- convicts
- empowers



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- Acts 1:8 “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

- gives us spiritual gifts to use

- 1 Cor. 12:4-7 “Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.”



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## c) We have Community – brothers and sisters

- family of God – meant to grow and work as a body
- every part important and critical
- 52 on anothers in the new testament
- life in the community essential
- Eph. 4:15-16 “Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.”



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## d) Preparing for Your Participation



- Acts tells us knows the time and place of you days
- knew the time in history, place of your story
- desire for you to be a blessing, experience His work
- Eph. 2:8-10 “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”



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## So What?



Symbol – the cup “Christ our Sanctifier”

### 1. My Position

- Justified, Adopted, Set Apart

### 2. My Reality

- dying to old self, living up to who I am in Christ

### 3. God's Loving Kindness

- giving us His Word, Spirit, Equipping & Empowering, Preparing and Placing us in the family

### 4. My Role – Grace Driven Effort