

CrossWalk NOTES

American Idols Seeking God or Serving Self

The Idol of Position

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²⁶Brothers, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. ²⁸He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, ²⁹so that no one may boast before him. ³⁰It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. ³¹Therefore, as it is written: "Let him who boasts boast in the Lord." (1 Corinthians 1:26-31, NIV).

¹Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. (Romans 5:1-2, NIV)

²⁷Those who are far from you will perish; you destroy all who are unfaithful to you. ²⁸But as for me, it is good to be near God. I have made the Sovereign LORD my refuge; I will tell of all your deeds. (Psalm 73:27-28, NIV)

**1. God gives us the most _____
kind of position.**

¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility. (Ephesians 2:13-14, NIV)

¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last. (John 15:16, NIV)

1. God gives us our position by _____.

²³This is what the LORD says: "Let not the wise man boast of his wisdom or the strong man boast of his strength or the rich man boast of his riches, ²⁴but let him who boasts boast about this: that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight," declares the LORD. (Jeremiah 9:23-24, NIV)

¹⁴May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. (Galatians 6:14, NIV)

**2. God gives us _____ rights, but over
the positioner, not the position.**

My next steps in the "Cross-Walk":

- Stop running yourself ragged trying to get a promotion in the eyes of others. Rest easy knowing that the most important promotion has already been given to you.
- Use the position God has given you as an occasion to boast about God. You have the right to boast—loudly—when your boasting is about him!
- Meditate on and memorize Jeremiah 9:23-24.