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***Your Position, Part 6 –
Don't forget who you are!***

James 1:24 Amplified For he thoughtfully observes himself, and then goes off and promptly forgets what he was like.

We have witnessed the wonders of the Grace of God.

This is the wonder of God's aggressive grace that takes a sinner and thoroughly changes them.

We stand amazed at God's Grace.

When grace has its perfect work in our lives we become a New Creation.

Once God's grace has made us a new creation we must become totally convinced of who we are in Christ Jesus.

What has God accomplished in you?

Have you taken notice of the change He has made in you?

Many people fall into the trap that James described.

We thoughtfully observe what God has done.

We see what we have become.

We even rejoice in the transformation.

We praise God for His grace, mercy, and favor.

We begin celebrating the reality of what has happened.

Then in a moment when stress or a crisis arises, we forget who we are and what has happened.

We quickly return to the old life and way of thinking.

The story of the Prodigal Son reveals the dilemma.

He knew who he was.

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He counted out the blessing of the favor he had received from his father.

But, he discounted the value of what he had received, lost it all, and was defeated.

He failed to remember who he was and fell in line with the evil and vile ways of the world.

It is easy to unconsciously lapse into the old life.

What God has accomplished in us must become a workable reality.

We need to see ourselves as we really are in Christ Jesus.

For many this has not become a workable reality.

Do you know that you have been redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ?

Do you know that God has come into your life and changed you?

Do you really know that the old things have passed away and all things have been made new?

Did you say, Yes?

If you did praise God you have started to recognized what God has accomplished when He made you a new creation.

For many this has not become a workable reality.

Temptations knock them off their feet.

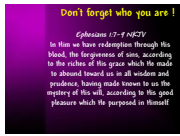
Trials and test are more than their faith can stand.

Satan's lies, deceptions, and attractions are more than they can resist.

They say: "Jesus Christ has changed me."

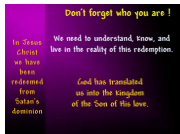
But that change has little impact on their life and their daily activities.

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Ephesians 1:7-9 NKJV In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself

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We need to understand, know, and live in the reality of this redemption.

In Jesus Christ, we have been redeemed from Satan's dominion.

That is good news but it is not the end of the story.

God has done more than wipe the slate clean.

He has done more that take our sins and cast them into the sea.

He has done more than defeat Satan.

There has been a remission or removal of all our past trespasses.

God has translated us into the kingdom of the Son of His love.

We have been made new.

This is where the Prodigal Son had his failure.

Although he was a son, he did not have wisdom and prudence to face every possible event.

God has made us His heirs.

We are now God's children.

I must act like a son.

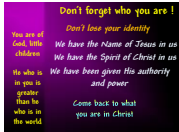
I must take the place of a son.

I must do the work of a son.

I must bear the character of a son.

Have you ever had a lapse of consciousness and forgot whose son or daughter you are?

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Too many people in the church have forgotten what God has done for them in Christ Jesus.

We forget that we are the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus.

Don't lose your identity.

We have the Name of Jesus in us.

We have the Spirit of Christ in us.

We have been given His authority and power.

1 John 4:4 NKJV You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

Come back to what you are in Christ.

When the Prodigal Son reached the bottom and came to himself, and he knew he needed to get back home.

It is tragic to see Christians who have forgotten what God has done for them in Christ Jesus.

They forget what grace has done.

They start living like they have never been set free from sins.

They forget that the Name of Jesus Christ has been put upon them.

They forget that the Holy Spirit has moved into their lives.

They forget that God has made them righteous.

They start talking like they did before Christ came in.

They start acting like they have not been redeemed.

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You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

God's blessing and favor cannot rest on our lives if we do not remain in Him.

This fullness, blessing, and favor are positional.

John 15:7-8 NIV If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

This is pivotal for our lives.

Completeness, fullness, perfectness derive from remaining in Christ Jesus.

When we remain in this position we are destined to triumph.

2 Corinthians 2:14 NIV But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him.

Right now, in this world, we have this triumphal victory in Christ Jesus.

That is the hallelujah chorus of the New Creation.

In Christ we have a new position of triumph.

God takes so much pleasure in Christ Jesus our Lord, that He fills us with the aroma of Jesus Christ.

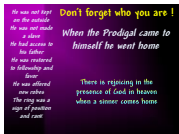
God has made us to be His righteousness in Christ.

We are rich with His riches.

We are strong with His strength.

We are a New Creation in Him.

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Satan has no dominion or power over you.

*When the Prodigal came to himself he went home.
That is just the beginning of the good news.*

*What is amazing is what happened when he got home.
This is the grace of God.*

When he came home:

He was not kept on the outside.

He was not made a slave.

He had access to his father.

He was restored to fellowship and favor.

He was offered new robes to cover his body.

The ring was a sign of position and rank.

If you really want to have a ball, you cannot do it in the far country.

If you are God's child, you can't sin and get by with it.

You may go all of the way down to the pigpen.

You never will enjoy it.

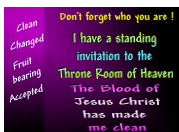
There will come a day when you are going to say: "I will arise and go to my Father."

What a day of rejoicing that is.

The Bible tells us that there is rejoicing in the presence of God in heaven when a sinner comes home.

No wonder Jesus said the father had a banquet when the Prodigal Son came home.

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I have a standing invitation to the Throne Room of Heaven.

The Blood of Jesus Christ has made me clean.

He has changed me.

I can boldly come into the Father's presence.

I can take the place of a son.

We need to remember this so we never disgrace Him by acting like we don't belong.

Never forget what manner of person you are.

I am a member of the fruit-bearing body of Christ.

I have been accepted and changed.

God is working His pleasure in me.

He has taken me out of my old life.

*I may be in the old surroundings
but I have been changed.*