

CHRISTIAN POSITION

and

PRACTICE

Studies in Christian life with emphasis on the position occupied by those who are born again and the conduct that should flow from the understanding of this position. For presentation at North Raleigh Bible Chapel by Tom V. Taylor in the month of October, 1977.

I. General Introduction to the Series

...Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

1 John 3:2-3

These verses are enough to explain what we hope to do in this series. They emphasize the fact that the believer in Jesus is now a "child of God" and that he will one day be like Christ. But for the present moment he has need to purify himself after the pattern of Christ for, while he is a son of God, he is not yet purified in the flesh. His position with God is noted by sonship...his practice in this life involves a process of "purifying" as he looks forward to the reality of glory with the Lord Jesus.

More familiar terms in many Christian circles are the words "standing" and "state." These terms do the same duty as position and practice although they concentrate more on abstract ideas than on living movements. Therefore our choice is to talk