

with the words "position" and "practice." The former indicates the place a Christian has in the eyes of God so to speak, while the latter suggests what he should be doing in the world where he lives.

We spend a good bit of time in our church work and fellowship in trying to present Christians with attitudes and levels of conduct. Some of this cannot be avoided but the contention in this series is that if we better understood what we are by the grace of God, we would better understand how this is to be shown in our age and experience. Perhaps this is hoping for too much but in the life of the writer it is often been true that conduct did better when it was viewed in the light of responsibility and privilege than when it was simply directed by mere force.

Our study is not expositional in character. Many Scriptures are consulted although each message has a base for its development. The discussions of relevant position descriptions are made in conjunction with a concordance study in which an attempt was made to see how the believer is described in the Bible. Not every word identifying the position has been studied...there are just so many meetings and we are working at about the rate of one word per meeting.

Perhaps we should note that by "Christian" we are referring to those who are born-again into the family of God. Not simply church members or persons of religious feelings but those who have indeed called upon the Lord and been saved are the Christians. It is a poorly used term in our society but we trust that this simple note of explanation will be enough to allow us to use the term freely in these discussions.