

B. Discussion

1. The character of the saintly position:

As sketched in our introductory notes, it is basically one of being set apart for God...belonging to God in the unique and special sense of being one of His own. This must be investigated a bit further to help us understand the total grip of the matter.

In a nutshell..here is what the saint is:
(in positional practice)

--he is a redeemed person (1:7)...
bought from sin and brought back to God. He is owned by the Lord on the basis of purchase and possession;

--he is a forgiven person (1:7)...
having been delivered from the penalty and judgment of his sins;

--he is uniquely blessed (1:3)...in the quality and quantity of the blessings that come to him through the ministry of the Lord Jesus;

--he is a person appointed to heavenly settings (2:6) to such an extent that he is "as good as in heaven right now;"

--he is a "saved" person (2:8)...
delivered from the sin (2:1-3) that marked him and given both grace and faith to know God;

--he is God's own personal work and being of creation (2:10) being the product of the Lord's skill in the new creation. Every believer is all of these things and the enumeration of them should help us see...in part at least, the position a saint has (or is). It should give us a higher thinking of what the Lord has done than we may have if we do not think about it.