

POSITION AND PERFORMANCE

Series: “SURPRISING INSIGHTS FROM THE LIFE OF JESUS”, Part 2 of 6

Sunday, March 20, 2022 at 9:00 & 11:00 AM

Text: John 1:29-34, Luke 3:21-23a

Big Idea: It is our position in Christ that is the source of our performance, not the other way around.

John 1:29-34, “The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is the one I meant when I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’ ³¹I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³² Then John gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. ³³ I would not have known him, except that the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is he who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴ I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God.”

Luke 3:21-22, “When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened ²² and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

Luke 3:22b, “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

1. I am a child of God (John 1:12).
2. I am Christ’s friend (John 15:15).
3. I am a temple of the living God (1 Cor. 3:16; 6:19).
4. I am chosen by Christ (John 15:16).
5. I am the salt of the earth (Matt. 5:13).

6. I am the light of the world (Matt. 5:14).
7. I am a new creation (2 Cor. 5:17).
8. I am a saint (Eph. 1:1; 1 Cor. 1:2; Phil. 1:1; Col. 1:2).
9. I am a member of Christ's Body (1 Cor. 12:27; Eph. 5:30).
10. I am an enemy of the devil (1 Pet. 5:8).
11. I am righteous and holy (Eph. 4:24).
12. I am a citizen of heaven (Phil. 3:20; Eph. 2:6).

1 John 3:19-20, "This then is how we know that we belong to the truth, and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence ²⁰ whenever our hearts condemn us. For **God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.**"