



# Discussion Guide

For the week of February 1, 2026  
Know Your Position | 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Miss this week's teaching? You can watch it at <https://youtu.be/J5MTHzIbXFU>

## # Summary

Pastor Jim addresses the church about Paul's second letter to the Corinthians, explaining how Paul defended his ministry against rebels who questioned his authority and integrity. The main focus is on understanding that all of God's promises are fulfilled in Christ, moving believers from the Old Testament's conditional 'if-then' promises to the New Covenant's unconditional 'yes and amen' in Christ. The pastor emphasizes that believers cannot fulfill the law's requirements on their own, but through their position 'in Christ,' they become recipients of all God's promises based on what Jesus has accomplished, not their own performance.

## # Intro Prayer

Heavenly Father, we come before You with grateful hearts, knowing that we are accepted and loved because of our position in Christ. As we gather together today, we ask that You would open our hearts and minds to receive what You want to teach us through Your Word. Help us to set aside any distractions or preconceived notions, and give us ears to hear and hearts to understand the truth of who we are in You. We pray that Your Holy Spirit would guide our discussion and draw us closer to You and to one another. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## # Ice Breaker

What's one promise someone made to you as a child that really meant a lot to you, whether they kept it or not?

## # Key Verses

- 2 Corinthians 1:20
- 2 Corinthians 5:17
- Romans 8:1
- Galatians 3:24-26
- Ephesians 1:3-14

## # Questions

- How do you typically respond when someone questions your integrity or motives, and how does Paul's response in this passage challenge or encourage you?
- What's the difference between living under the Old Testament 'if-then' promises versus the New Covenant 'yes and amen' in Christ?
- Pastor Jim mentioned that he used to feel like he was 'at the back of the line' spiritually. Have you ever felt that way? What caused those feelings?



# Discussion Guide

For the week of February 1, 2026  
Know Your Position | 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

- How does understanding that 'the law was a schoolmaster to bring us to Christ' change your perspective on your failures and shortcomings?
- What does it mean practically to live 'in Christ' rather than under condemnation?
- How might your daily life change if you truly believed you were a recipient of all God's promises because of your position in Christ?
- Why do you think it's so easy for Christians to slip back into performance-based thinking rather than grace-based living?
- How can we help younger believers understand their identity and position in Christ from an early age?

## # Life Application

This week, read Ephesians 1:3-14 and count how many times it references being 'in Christ.' Each time you encounter a challenge or feel condemned, remind yourself of your position in Christ and declare 'Yes and Amen' to God's promises over your life instead of focusing on your performance.

## # Key Takeaways

- All of God's promises are 'yes and amen' in Christ - we don't earn them through our performance
- The Old Testament law was designed to show us we can't keep it perfectly and need a Savior
- Our position 'in Christ' means God sees us through Jesus' righteousness, not our failures
- We live under grace, not condemnation - God's grace continues beyond our salvation moment
- Knowing our identity in Christ sets us free from performance-based living and gives us confidence in God's love

## # Ending Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for fulfilling all the requirements of the law that we could never keep. Thank You that because we are in You, we are recipients of every promise in Your Word. Help us to walk in the freedom of knowing our true identity and position as Your beloved children. When we face challenges this week, remind us that we are not condemned but accepted in the Beloved. May we live with confidence in Your grace and share this truth with others who need to know their worth in You. We declare 'Yes and Amen' to Your promises over our lives. In Your precious name, Amen.