The Three States of Mankind:

Old Man (Flesh) Earthly Temporal State after the Fall

- Occurs when? Born in sin under condemnation: Psalms 51:5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.
- Is the old man with the old sinful nature or Adamic Nature
- Alive unto sin and dead unto righteousness
- Slave to disobedience (sin) unto death
- No war within

New Creature: Glorified Eternal State

- Occurs when? Occurs at the Rapture: <u>I Corinthians 15:51-53</u> Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, (52) In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. (53) For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.
- Is the new man with a new and divine nature
- Alive unto righteousness and dead unto sin
- Slave to obedience unto everlasting life
- No war within
- All positional truths pertain to this glorified eternal state. What are positional truths? Those truths pertaining to the completed work of Jesus Christ in our converted lives as Eternal God see them.

New Creature: Not Glorified Temporal State with Dual Nature

- Occurs when? Born at salvation: John 3:3,5-6 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. (5) Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. (6) That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.
- <u>Dual Nature of the converted believer: Romans 7:25</u> I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.
 - O Has both the new man and old man
 - o Alive unto both sin and righteousness
 - Servant of both sin and obedience
- Believers have the necessity of reckoning positional truths to allow for the growth to be conformed into the image of God's Son.
 - O John 3:2-3 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. (3) And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.
- <u>II Corinthians 5:17</u> Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.
- War within: Galatians 5:17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.
- Romans 7:14-24 For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin. (15) For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. (16) If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good. (17) Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. (18) For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. (19) For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. (20) Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. (21) I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. (22) For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: (23) But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. (24) O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?
- <u>Philippians 1:6</u> Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:
- Philippians 3:10-14 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; (11) If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. (12) Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. (13) Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, (14) I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.