

SERMON NOTES - Raised With Christ 4 - Seated

These notes are designed to be read along with the associated audio / video message

We have been looking at the illustrated example that Paul uses in Ephesians 1&2 to demonstrate a great truth to us: We are "in Christ" and we died with Him, were buried with Him in baptism, were raised with Him, and are seated in authority with Him.

Eph 1:19...what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe according to the working of His mighty power 20 which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places,"

1 Cor 15:35-50 describes our resurrection bodies

vs 42, 43 - our bodies are ...

sown in corruption, raised in incorruption.

sown in dishonour, raised in glory.

sown in weakness, raised in power.

sown a natural body, raised a spiritual body

We have a part of this resurrection in us NOW:

vs 48 "As was the man of dust, so also are those who are made of dust; and as is the heavenly Man, so also are those who are heavenly." (see 1 Jn 4:17 below)

vs 49 NKJV - "49 And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear (OR let us also bear) the image of the heavenly Man."

vs 50 ... flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption."

Today we look at the authority we have in being seated with Him:

Eph 2:1-6 — "1 And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins... 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, [He] made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,"

Eph 1:20 which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.

Jesus disarmed the devil (took away the authority that he had gained from Adam)

1Jo 3:8 NKJV - "8 He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil."

Psa 8:4-6 NKJV - "4 What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him? 5 For You have made him a little lower than the angels, And You have crowned him with glory and honor. 6 You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet,"

Luk 4:5-8 NKJV - "5 Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. 6 And the devil said to Him, "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. 7 "Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours." 8 And Jesus answered and said to him, "Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.' ""

Col 2:15 - " Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it."

Jhn 12:31 - "Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out."

What is our role in this?

Psa 110:1-3 NIV — "1 Of David. A psalm. The LORD says to my lord: "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet." 2 The LORD will extend your mighty sceptre from Zion, saying, "Rule in the midst of your enemies!" 3 Your troops will be willing on your day of battle. Arrayed in holy splendour, your young men will come to you like dew from the morning's womb."

The Church has great delegated authority from Jesus:

- *Mat 16:17-19 NKJV - "17 Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. 18 "And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. 19 "And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.""*
- *Eph 1:9-10 - "having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, 10 that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things ("under one head" "ana kephalaioō pas") in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth--in Him."*
- *Eph 1:22 And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things ("kephalē hyper pas") to the church, 23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all."*
- *Eph 3:10-11 - "to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places, 11 according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord,"*

The Great Commission is our mission

Mat 28:18-20 - "And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen."

Conclusion: We must be actively involved in following His Great Commission, and Church planting is the best way to do this.

Some further verses used:

1Jo 4:17 NKJV - "17 Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgement; because as He is, so are we in this world."

Act 10:38 NKJV - "38 "how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him."

Rev 1:18 NKJV - "18 "I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death."

Mar 11:22-24 NKJV - "22 So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God. 23 "For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. 24 "Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them."

Jas 4:7 NKJV - "7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you."

Small group discussion guidelines

Remember that the aim of the small group is to foster discussion and community, rather than for the leader or one individual to preach to everyone.

1 - Often an **Icebreaker question** is a great way to start discussion. You could ask a question like:

- What were the highs or lows of your week?
- What is your earliest memory?
- If you had to describe yourself as one animal, what would it be and why?
- What is your favourite type of holiday destination?

2 - Next, **read the passage**. You can ask various people in the group to help by each reading a portion of the passage.

3 - These are the **main questions** to ask to understand the passage:

- What is the main message of this talk / passage?
Allow discussion and even diverging from the main topic if it is helpful.
- What did you find particularly helpful or challenging?
- What did you not fully understand?
- What can we do PRACTICALLY in response to this teaching?

4 - Close by offering **prayer** for each person.

- Ask, "how can we pray for you / each other now?"
- Ask each person to pray or you, as leader, pray for each person's need

The blessing and opportunity in Small Groups is the possibility for...

- Each person to contribute and/or ask questions,
- People to pray for each other and to ask for prayer,
- People to learn to use and grow in their gifts,
- Community, friendship and intimacy in relationships.

God Bless you in this very important ministry.