

THE BELIEVER'S POSITION

INTRODUCTION

- As we live in these **perilous times**, from time to time it's important that **we are reminded of who really and our position** as believers in Christ.
- As believers in Christ we are not just any kind of people - **we may be in the world but we are not of this world.**
- We are a **holy nation**, a **royal priesthood**, His own special people, the **Body of Christ**, the **City of the Living God**.
- Therefore our **identity and culture is not of this world** but it's heavenly identity and culture.
- We are an **embassy of God on earth** and depend on Him who sent us for provision and protection.
- Today I want to talk to you or to remind you about your position as a believer.

COLOSSIANS 3:1-4 "If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, **where Christ is**, sitting at the right hand of God. ²Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. ³For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ, who is our life, appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

YOU WERE RAISED WITH CHRIST

- Since, then, you have been **raised** with Christ, [to a new life, sharing in His resurrection from the dead].
- **Who has been raised with Christ?** It is your spirit, your spirit has been quickened (made alive).
- As believers in Christ, God spiritually quickens us at the moment of salvation. (Eph 2:1-6) "And you *He made alive*, who were **dead** in trespasses and sins, ²in which you once walked according to the **course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air**, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, ³among whom also, we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in trespasses, **made us alive together with Christ** (by grace you have been saved), ⁶and **raised us up together**, and **made us sit together** in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus."
- Because our spirit has been made alive – "we cry out, Abba, Father." – **This Spirit to spirit engagement.**
- It is because of the quickened spirit that you are able to call upon His name - **because we know Him as our Father.**

- It is because of the quickened spirit **that we rejoice in Him** – because we were dead but now we are alive – we were separated from Him now we are in Him.
- The position we are in **is a raised up position** (a higher position) above the reach of the enemy – “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.”

SEEK THOSE THINGS WHICH ARE ABOVE

Therefore, if we are in the above position our mindset has to migrate to the above position “set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

- **What are these things, which are above?**
- These are the heavenly things (Ps 119:37) “Turn away my eyes from looking at worthless things, and **revive** me in Your way”.

FROM VERSE 12 TO 17

- Tender mercies (heart of compassion),
- Kindness - Compassion
- Humility, (humbleness)
- Meekness (gentleness)
- Longsuffering (patience)
- With patience – the **power to endure whatever injustice or unpleasantness** with a **good temper**.
- With patience – we are able to bear **graciously** with one another,
- Forgiveness – we practice forgiveness, willingly forgiving each other
- Love, which is the bond of perfection.
- Peace of God rule - it must rule (**dominion**) over our hearts.

YOUR LIFE IS HIDDEN WITH CHRIST IN GOD

³your life [new, real] is **hidden with Christ in God**.

- The life of Christ is hidden in God – ours is in Him – anyone that comes against us has to pluck us out of Him – the problem is that **He is on the “Throne”** – with power, honour and glory.
- The Psalmist would say, “the **LORD** reigns... The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the **LORD**.” Mountains **are the system and powers of the world**; they melt wax at His Presence.
- **Will appear with Him in glory** – no need for us **to strive to appear before** people if He is not appearing with us.
- Moses said, “If Your Presence does not go with us, do not bring us up from here.”

- If we are in Him – and our life glorifies Him, He appears and when He appears, we “appear with Him in glory.

God Bless You

Amen!