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#### SEATED IN CHRIST (Part Two)

In our lesson text, Paul taught three positional truth doctrines resulting from the Church Age Believer (CAB) being delivered from position in Adam to being transferred position IN Christ.

Eph.2:1-3	Eph.2:4	Eph.2:5-10
1 Cor.15:22	Col.1:13-14	Gal.3:27

The first lesson of Seated in Christ dealt with positional truth of the <u>20 the status privileges</u> that every Church Age Believer (CAB) receives at salvation that he/she can never lose in time or eternity.

## In this lesson, we will be study <u>four aspects</u> of every Church Age Believer's identity with the authority of Christ in the Angelic Conflict (AC), now seated IN Him in the heavenly places (1 Pet.3:22; Col.2:15).

### 1. We will begin by explaining the phrase, "In the heavenly places."

Note this phrase is plural. It refers to the three heavens established in (Gen.1:1, 8, 14, 17; 2:1, 4) (shamayim).

(Eph.2:6) "And **seated us (together)** (sunkathizo/ a.a.in.3ps) **in** (en+loc. of place) **Him** <u>in (en+loc. of place)</u> **the heavenly places** (tois epouranios/ **lplm**)."

We know that Jesus Christ is seated in session with all authority in the third heaven (2 Cor.12:1-10; (2 Cor.5:8). But this is **not what** Paul is teaching in Eph.2:6.

#### 2. Paul is teaching that every Church Age Believer is seated together in Christ while still on earth.

In Book of Ephesians, Paul connected <u>the heavenly places</u> with fall of Satan, the Angelic Conflict, the Church Age and to the Church Age Believer.

Here is a six-point outline in Book of Ephesians of this doctrinal principle.

- (Eph.1:3) Spiritual blessing in Christ
- (Eph.1: 20) Christ seated in session
- (Eph.2:6) Every Church Age Believer. seated IN Christ
- (Eph. 3:10) Wisdom of God made known to angels through the church (1Pet.1:12)
- (Eph.4:8-10) Triumphal victory over the Angelic Conflict
- (Eph. 6:12) The Church Age Believer's personal warfare against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the Angelic Conflict.

# **3.** God seated Jesus Christ at His right hand (place of honor) in session with all divine authority (Heb.1:3).

(Matt.28:18) "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth." [pre-ascension]

(Eph.1:19-23) gives us six specific principles related to Christ being seated in Session in heavenly places.

- (Eph.1:19-20) God seated us in Him (2:6)
- (Eph.1:21) Far above all rule and authority ad power and dominion (Col.1:15-23/ blood of His cross)
- (Eph.1:21) Far above every name that is named (Phil.2:8-11; Rev.9:11; 20:2, 7, 10; 20:15)
- (Eph.1:22) God put all things in subjection <u>under His feet</u> (1 Cor.15:27-28; Heb.1:13; Ps.110:1)
- (Eph.1:22-23) God gave Him as head over all things to the church (Eph.5:23; 32; Col.2:10)

# 4. Every Church Age Believer is seated together in union with Christ and identified with His authority over the Angelic Conflict by means of the Baptism of Holy Spirit at grace salvation (1 Cor.6:2-3).

(Gal.3:26-27) "For you are **all** sons of God <u>through faith</u> in Christ Jesus. For **all** of you who were <u>baptized</u> <u>into Christ</u> have clothed yourselves with Christ." (Gal.3:2)

(1 Cor.12:13 "For by **one** Spirit we were **all** <u>baptized</u> **into one** body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were **all** made to drink of **one** Spirit." (Eph.4:4-5/ ONE)

The Holy Spirit who indwells every Church Age Believer at grace salvation is greater than Satan and his forces both positionally and experientially (**Rev.3:21/Laodicea; Rev.21:5-7**/victor/overcome).

The key to the Christian Way of Life (CWL) is not just seated (positional truth victory) **but session** (experiential truth victory) in the Angelic Conflict.

## The Holy Spirit living in every Church Age Believer is greater than Satan and his army (1 John 4:4)

Eph.6:10-17 (note nine actions of experiential truth of victory in the Angelic Conflict)

- **Be strong** (Eph.6:10)
- **Put on** (Eph.6:11-12)
- **Take up** (Eph.6:13a)
- **Stand firm** (Eph.6:13b-14a)
- Having gird Yourselves with Truth
- having put on Christ's Perfect Righteousness
- having shod Preparation of the gospel of peace
- taking up Faith
- take Salvation and the sword of Spirit which is the Word (rhema) [Categorical Bible Doctrine] of God (Eph.14b-16).

(Col.3:1-2) "Therefore if (1cc / True) you have been raised up (together) with Christ [and you have], <u>keep</u> seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <u>Set your mind on the things</u> above, not on the things that are on earth."

## **BENEDICTION:**

(Rom.16:25-27) "Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to revelation of the mystery which has been kept secret for long ages past, but now is manifested, and by the Scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the eternal God, has been made known to all the nations, leading to obedience of faith; to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be the glory forever. Amen."