

THE WONDER OF GOD'S GRACE

Our Riches in Christ : Study in Ephesians, Part 4b

Ephesians 2:5-6

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Sermon Notes

I. With Christ, what has God done for us?

A. He has **raised us up** with Christ.

1. This establishes our **dependence** upon Christ for spiritual life. (cf. Eph. 2:8)
2. "Raised us up with Christ" is in the indicative aorist tense meaning this is a **fact** and has already occurred.

As a result of being raised up with Christ...

3. We have died to the **law**.
(Rom. 7:4, 9b; II Cor. 5:21; Phil. 3:9; Col. 2:16-23)
4. We have died to **sin**. (Rom. 6:11)
5. We are super **conquerors**. (Rom. 8:37)

B. He has **seated** us in the **heavenly** realms. (Eph. 2:6)

1. God has not raised us from the dead and then left us in the graveyard, so to speak.
2. 'Seated' implies: rest, victory, completion.

As a result of being seated with Christ...

3. We can be of good **cheer/courage** even when times are tough. (Jn. 16:33; cf. Phil. 4:4)
4. Our hearts are no longer **set** on the things of **this world**. (cf. Eph. 2:2; Col. 3:1; I Pet. 2:1)
5. We are 'in' this world but we no longer derive our **primary satisfaction** 'from' it. (Col. 3:1-3)
6. We are no longer under **Satan's rule**.
(Eph. 2:2; cf. II Cor. 4:4)
7. We are no longer under the **wrath** of God. (cf. Eph. 2:3)
8. We are **near** to God. (Eph. 2:6; cf. Heb. 10:19-22)



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