

**“How World-Changers See the World”
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EPHESIANS 1:15-23

PAUL’S PRAYER: “That you would see life from a Heavenly perspective.”

“Seated together with Him in the heavenly realms” (Ephesians 2:6)

- **“Sit” in settled confidence—not stagnant complacency**
- **“Together with”—partnering with Him in releasing His Kingdom on the earth**
- **How you see life NOW**
- **What you “meditate on”—*to mutter to yourself; self-talk; commentary***
- **Jesus invited Nicodemus to see/experience a Heavenly perspective (John 3:5-8) “Kingdom”- *My domain—where & how I live***

1. EXPERIENCE HOPE (v. 18)

Def.- “*The joyful anticipation of fulfillment*”

- **The ecstatic anticipation of a lifestyle beyond human comprehension**
- **Romans 15:13- He fills us with HIS hope**
- **“Resurrection life” is more about what you’ve been raised TO than what you’ve been raised FROM**
- **Creation longs for the manifestation of HOPE-FILLED CHILDREN OF GOD**

2. VALUE WHAT HE VALUES (v. 18)

“The riches of the glory of His inheritance IN the saints”

- **WE are His inheritance.**
- **He will receive abundant return on all He has invested in us!**
- **This revelation is powerful enough to turn our hearts from inferior things**
- ***“Rise up, O men of God! Have done with lesser things. Give heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of Kings.”***

3. LIVE IN HIS POWER (v. 19-20)

- **Continuous vast flow of power from His world to ours—knowing there’s no greater power than His (in all the universe)!**
- **Called & empowered to be living demonstrations of King Jesus & His Kingdom**
- **Walking consistently in all He’s accomplished—unwilling to quit when things don’t happen immediately**

4. STAND IN HIS VICTORY (v. 21-23)

- **Every ruler** in every realm of darkness has been put under the feet of Jesus
- As His body—the **enemy is under our feet**, too (Romans 16:19-20)!!
- “Far above all rule and authority”—“hell” is the ultimate eternal destination of torment...not the city he operates from (*i.e., Death Star*).
- The enemy is separated from all life support (*i.e., angels ascend and descend*)...but **we get refreshed daily!!!**
 - “*Inwardly we are being renewed day by day.*” (2 Corinthians 4:16)
 - You are being “*made new in the attitude of your minds*” (Ephesians 4:23)
 - “*Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.*” (Romans 12:2)
- Jesus’ victory was not for God—He never stopped ruling (Psalm 93:2)! As a man—He won the battle for all humanity!! *His resurrection is ours!!! Ephesians 2:6- “God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus.”*
 - Your joy—depresses the enemy
 - Your rest—wears him out
 - Your clear perspective—confuses him
- Jesus did not look for demons—He brought His Kingdom (*His domain*). If demons tried to interfere—He simply “drove them out” (Matthew 12:28). Lit.- “*one quick toss—not an elongated process*”
- He is calling us into a supernatural lifestyle that too many have written off as unattainable (*content to live a moderate, moral life...heaven later*)

RESPONSE:

“STAND”- Roman boots with long spikes on the heels—firmly planted into the ground (*i.e., “digging in your heels”*) (Ephesians 6:15)

- Ever “prepared” to stand in the “good news” perspective.
- A new obedience—to set our hearts on things above.
- We are “the fullness of Him”—not void of Him!

Graham Cooke- When we are “so fascinated with Jesus—we can never be intimidated by the enemy.”