

TURN TO

"Eternal Mindset"
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Ephesians 1:15-23

CORE: To be a transformed people we need an Eternal Mindset, a Heavenly minded revelation of who we are in Christ and who He is in us.

KEY POINTS FROM THIS PRAYER:

1. Spirit of Wisdom & Revelation (Ephesians 1:17)

7 Spirits of God — Isaiah 11:2-3 (NET Bible Full Notes)

The Lord's spirit will rest on him -
a spirit that gives **extraordinary wisdom**,
a spirit that provides the **ability to execute plans**,

2. Christ is Seated at Father's Right Hand (Ephesians 1:20)

"Seated at the right hand" speaks of a **position of great authority**.

The Request of James and John - Mark 10:35-38 (NASB)

And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking.

Also the account in *Matthew 20:20-22 (NASB)* with their mom kneeling down and asking Jesus for them!

3. Christ has Authority Far Above All (Ephesians 1:21)

Best scriptural example is when Joseph was promoted to Zaphenath-paneah.

Far above every rule and authority... These are names for the celestial spiritual or angelic powers governing the cosmos.

Genesis 41:40
You shall be over my house, and all my people shall order themselves (shall kiss the ground) as you command. Only as regards to the throne will I be greater than you."

4. In this Age and the Age to Come (Ephesians 1:21)

This age and the age to come — Olam Hazeh — In relation to the Kingdom of God history can be divided into four periods: **before Jesus**, **during his lifetime**, the present age (the olam hazeh) **the present world** in which we live and the future age (the olam haba) **the coming world**. There was a sense in which the Kingdom was present prior to Jesus' birth; indeed, God was King over the Jewish people (*1 Samuel 12:12*).

Romans 12:2 (ESV)

Do not be conformed to this world (age), but be transformed by the **renewal of your mind**, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

5. Christ is the Head and Builder of the Church (*Ephesians 1:22-23*)

Matthew 16:18 - Did you ever wonder why Jesus didn't say, "I will build my synagog"? But He said, I will build my church?

Ecclesia - called out ones. A wealthy Hellenistic concept to call out the eligible (mature) citizens of a city to form or make decisions. It's similar to a jury appointed over a trial, called out to render judgement.

WE ARE IN CHRIST:

One of the major themes of Paul's teachings in this letter to the Ephesians is the fact that believers are now "in Christ," an idea that impacts every aspect of our identity. We are IN the risen Christ!

- We have... been nailed to the cross and **co-crucified** with Christ (*Romans 6:6, Galatians 2:20, Galatians 6:14*)
- We have... **died** with Him (**Jesus didn't die for you, He died AS you!**) (*2 Corinthians 5:14-15, Romans 6:8, Colossians 3:3, Romans 6:10-11*)
- We have... been **buried** with Him (*Romans 6:4, Colossians 2:12*)
- We have... been **resurrected** and **made alive** with Him (*Colossians 2:13, Ephesians 2:5*)
- We have... been **raised** and **ascended** with Him (*Colossians 3:1, Ephesians 2:6*)

See yourselves co-raised with Christ! Now ponder with Persuasion (pursue with diligence) the consequences of your co-inclusion in Christ (Him).
Mirror Bible - Colossians 3:1

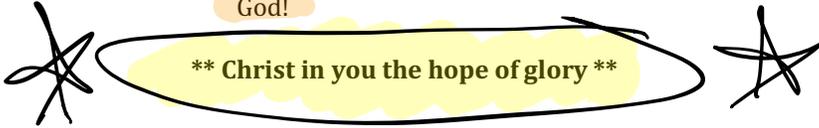
- We have... been **seated**/enthroned(dwell) with Him at the Father's right hand (*Ephesians 2:6, Revelation 3:21, Colossians 3:1-3*)

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.
Colossians 3:1-3 (ESV)

- We will... be **revealed** with Him when He appears (*Colossians 3:4, Romans 8:19*)
- We will... be **glorified** with Him (*Romans 8:16-17, Romans 8:30*)
- We will... **reign** with Him, if we endure (*2 Timothy 2:12*)

And Jesus wants us to GET this. This was the purpose of His prayer to the Father in John 17! That we would be one with Him and one with each other, just as He and the Father are one!

We not only receive the gift of eternal life, we receive the Gift of God Himself! Oneness with God!



LIVING IN ONENESS WITH CHRIST:

- Jesus continually models how to serve the destiny of One who is greater.
- Jesus did not come to serve Himself but to serve His Father.
- Jesus provides the example of true sacrifice, He laid down His life.
- Jesus modeled a servant—laying down His rights as a Son.
- As the Bride of Christ, we are called to minister in a way that helps fulfill Jesus' destiny and purpose. If I am absorbed in my own individual destiny — and not first by my love for Jesus — then I will be a lover of my own life.
- Those who truly love Jesus will lose sight of their own goals to walk with Him and become part of His eternal reward.
- Jesus became as we were, so that we might become as He is!
 - He was made sin to make us righteous.
 - He became weak to make us strong.
 - He suffered shame to give us glory.
 - He went to Hell in order to take us to Heaven.
 - He was condemned in order to justify us.
 - He died so that we might live.

We don't have TO beg God — praying from Earth to Heaven, we can now pray WITH God and pray from Heaven to Earth!

Mindset shift from trying to get God to come down, in that He's already residing/tabernacling inside of you!

Focus on what the Lord has given us as those in covenant with Him. Not religion seeking to gain acceptance. We are fully accepted in the beloved!