

"But God, who is rich in mercy, for His great Love wherewith He loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: That in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Christ Jesus." Ephesians 2:4-7 KJV



The saint's position and future are recorded in the past tense in God's Word. "Hath RAISED us up." In God's eyes it is already accomplished. We "are sitting," not "will sit." "It is finished!" The final Words of Christ on the cross assume another identity in light of this. God has sealed up those He loves in His infinite Grace and Love to demonstrate eternally

the unequalled majesty of their future! He knew from the eternal past all who would call upon His name and from that knowledge loved and cherished every precious soul, determining that they would be given an eternal inheritance and be fashioned like unto Himself. The saint was made a "joint-heir with Christ" before their human embryo ever formed in the womb. "Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee. In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began." God has a perfect plan for every believer's life and it is realized through faithful trusting obedience to the Written Word of God. It is euphorically liberating to finally realize that implicit obedience to God's Word by faith is the power that frees the soul from the earthly and translates it into the omnipotent presence of eternity's Sovereign. Jesus is at once God, Father, Brother, and Friend. He is the entwining Lover of my soul that, upon my humble petition for His mercy and forgiveness, inextricably melds with my being to sustain, beautify, and glorify my existence for eternity! God is more vital to eternal existence than oxygen to the physical. We will eternally marvel at the wonders of His person. There will be new songs and new words to express His Majestic Glory once we are fitted to receive them. As wondrous a creation as the human psyche is, it cannot begin to comprehend the "exceeding riches of His Grace. Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him." I can let my imaginations run freely to their wildest heights and know however impossible they may seem, they do not even ripple the surface of the depths of God's infinite ability and Glory!

Sorrow and death no, never near,
Heartache nor tears will ever smear,
The beloved saint's eternity,
Protected by God's Majesty! ~CGP

The faithful will be the eternal trophies that God displays proudly to magnify His exceeding Grace and Love!

"That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ: Which in His times He shall show, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen." 1 Timothy 6:14-16 KJV