



THE GREAT RECOVERY

Our Heavenly Position TALK IT OVER August 8-9, 2020



"[For I always pray to] the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, that He may grant you a spirit of wisdom and revelation [of insight into mysteries and secrets] in the [deep and intimate] knowledge of Him, by having the eyes of your heart flooded with light, so that you can know and understand the hope to which He has called you, and how rich is His glorious inheritance in the saints (His set-apart ones), and [so that you can know and understand] what is the immeasurable and unlimited and surpassing greatness of His power in and for us who believe, as demonstrated in the working of His mighty strength, which He exerted in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His [own] right hand in the heavenly [places], far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and every name that is named [above every title that can be conferred], not only in this age and in this world, but also in the age and the world which are to come."
- Ephesians 1:17-21 (AMPC)

Life involves capacity.
Capacity craves satisfaction.
That which satisfies is called a blessing.

Today, you are more than you have become. Only God knows your true potential.

Life is designed by God to draw out of each person their true God-identity.

How you see yourself, who you believe you are determines your direction in life and molds your relationships.

Our "heavenly position" has given to each of us "throne rights" which, when properly exercised, helps us to fight our fears and invalidate our insecurities.

"Throne rights" move us from spiritual ineffectiveness to a manifestation of Kingdom power. They add "super" to our "natural," and we are equipped to then live "supernaturally."

"In the heavenly places" means a life of transcending perfection and blessedness. It is our "highest life."

Here, seated in Christ, we possess the mind of Christ, reflect His image and live by His perspective of our life. "Godliness" is the ruling master passion of our heart, the supreme law of conduct and action.

When the "eyes" of our heart are enlightened, we see the "hope to which God calls us," "the wealth that He possesses in us," and "the power which He desires to exert on and through us as servants in His Kingdom."

We are to be enriched by God as He is enriched by us when we manifest His Kingdom power in our daily lives.

We are to come into possession of all the wealth of His Kingdom (every spiritual blessing) and He is to receive from us all that He created, equipped and lavished upon us as gifts, talents, and abilities.

We inherit God as He possesses us.

"Examine and test and evaluate your own selves to see whether you are holding to your faith and showing the proper fruits of it. Test and prove yourselves [not Christ]. Do you not yourselves realize and know [thoroughly by an ever-increasing experience] that Jesus Christ is in you—unless you are [counterfeits] disapproved on trial and rejected?" - II Corinthians 13:5 (AMPC)

How are we to examine ourselves? We do so by measuring ourselves against the awesome promises of God.

Do I draw on His resources to fight the daily fight of faith?
Do I access His power to overcome sin?
Do I continually live in the joy, peace, and rest Jesus has promised to every believer without exception?

He has promised "the measure of the fullness of Christ." (Ephesians 4:13)

Ephesians 1:17 – He gives us a spirit of wisdom and revelation (of insight into mysteries and secrets) in the (deep and intimate) knowledge of Him.

He desires you to "know" Him intimately. This is insight into His earthly Kingdom operation – His ways, plans.

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Verse 18 – He illuminates your imagination, floods you with light to know and understand our hope in Him, His inheritance in us.

Verse 19 – The immeasurable, unlimited, surpassing greatness of His power in and for us who believe, demonstrated in the working of His mighty strength.

These are “vast resources” of His power. This power has three great dimensions:

- Resurrection power – the same power which raised Jesus from the dead. (Verse 20)
- Ascension power – raised up together in Him in Heavenly places. (Verse 20)
- Dominion power – power over all principalities, might and dominion – putting all things under His control. (Verses 21-22)

Everything Jesus did on Earth is available to you and me in our “heavenly places” seat of authority.

- To heal the sick
- To drive out demon spirits
- To redeem us from sin
- To energize our wills
- To renew our spirits
- To reconcile our relationship and
- To bring peace.

We are called upon to bring our life up to the level of His power manifested through us. We have “surpassing power.”

“Surpassing” means to excel, extraordinary, beyond the usual mark.

“Power” means inherent ability to carry out some function, the power inherent in us by virtue of our Christ-nature. Raw, effective, productive energy which knows no limits.

“Strength” is demonstrative, eruptive, tangible, external, outwardly manifested. Literally, it is visible.

This is the word used to describe Jesus being raised from the dead. It is the strongest power in the universe. It overpowered death and caused an earthquake.

“Might” conveys the picture of a very strong, muscular man, one with great muscular capabilities. God is able, mighty, stronger than the strong man.

Where is this power available? As we sit in Christ, in heavenly places.
We must recover all that He is in us!

Discussion Questions:

- Our heavenly position gives us “_____ rights.”
- In the heavenly places in Jesus we experience our highest _____.
- We inherit God and He _____ us.
- _____ power raised Jesus from the dead. _____ power raised us up to sit in Him. _____ power over all principalities, might and dominion.
- We have surpassing _____ which is inherent ability, strength which is _____.
This power is available as we sit in our position of authority in Christ.

Prayer: Ask God to help you sit in your “heavenly places” seat of authority so you can have His resurrection, ascending and dominion power manifested through you.

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