

Made to Reign!

Ephesians 2:4-10 NASB: ⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, **because of His great love with which He loved us,** ⁵ **even when** we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶ and **raised us up with Him,** and **seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,** ⁷ so that in the ages to come He might show **the surpassing riches of His grace** in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ **For by grace you have been saved through faith;** and that not of yourselves, **it is the gift of God;** ⁹ not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus for good works,** which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

God is rich in mercy...because of His great love! (Eph 2:4)

Even if we don't feel like it, His word says so. When we believe His word over our feelings, our life changes!

...EVEN WHEN! (Eph 2:5)

He loves us not *just* when we had it all together. He loves us even when we were dead in our transgressions.

...because He raised us up with Him, AND seated us with Him! (Eph 2:6)

Our position is seated in heavenly places, the place of authority. We are not to look at problems from an earthly point of view.

Discussion Questions:

1. What are some areas you feel you use your spiritual authority well in?
2. What are areas you wish you could grow in your authority?
3. How can we keep that knowledge of our authority in front of us?

The whole point of us growing up in Christ is so that we can start to realize what Jesus has done for you: He has given us **surpassing riches! There is no cap on God!**

Salvation is a **gift** from God! We cannot earn our salvation, and we need to take our salvation seriously. But it's through faith that we receive the gift. And God gave the gift **because He loves you!**

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Discussion Questions:

1. We were created for good works. If you examined your life, would you be able to say that your life revolves around good works?
2. How can our lives demonstrate good works?

Your life is NEVER about just you. One decision helps to strengthen another. Your decisions help others and serve others. We need to have a life that doesn't get weary in well doing!

Romans 10:9-10 NASB: ⁹ that if you confess with your mouth Jesus *as* Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; ¹⁰ for with the heart a person believes, **resulting in righteousness**, and with the mouth he confesses [***the faith reaction to the new position***], resulting in salvation.

Salvation does not ***just*** equal going to heaven.

Salvation is a package deal that includes:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

When we have salvation, we have the ability to walk in all of these things due to our new position! BUT, just because you're in your new position doesn't mean the devil isn't going to try to come back and ruin your walk with God. **We, as Christians, have to know our authority and how to operate in it.** The only things the devil respects are authority and power—and **YOU** were **MADE TO REIGN!**

ANSWERS:

1. Prosperity
2. Healing
3. Deliverance
4. Protection
5. Restoration
6. Being saved