

SEATED WITH HIM

I don't know if you've ever experienced this, but occasionally I think maybe all of us do.

As I was waiting on the Lord this morning, I found my spirit just longing for more of God. I found my heart telling the Lord how much more I wanted to know Him, and know the power of His resurrection, and be empowered by His Holy Spirit to accomplish everything that He created me to be. This happens to me quite often.

This morning, just like He has every other time, it seems like He puts His hand on my shoulder and says, Jim I've already done this for you. It's your inheritance in Christ.

I've predestined you to walk in the fulfillment of everything I created you to be, and I've done everything necessary to make that happen in and through your life.

He then reminded me that, He has already given us His eternal life.

Let's look at a few scriptures.

Genesis 1.26 says that,

from the beginning, God created man and gave him authority and dominion over the earth.

Adam and Eve submitted to Satan's lie, and ended up separated from God, living a cursed life in this world ruled by Satan

It was God's supernatural work on our behalf and Christ's incredible sacrifice that made us members of His family and redeemed us back into total oneness with Him.

Many Christians today believe that this is ours positionally, but in everyday practice it doesn't seem to have much effect on their lives or those around them

Let's look at a few more scriptures that show what this actually means to us today.

Romans 5.17 amp

For if by the trespass of the one man (Adam), death reigned through the one (Adam), much more *surely* will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in [eternal] life through the One, Jesus Christ.

The original Greek word used for life in this scripture is Zoe. It's definition is "life as God has it."

The Greek word translated as "reign," means "to rule as king".

When our natural minds hear this, we tend to fantasize about obtaining exalted positions in this world system ruled by Satan.

Please note, that this scripture DID NOT SAY that we will reign in this world system. It said, WE WILL REIGN IN THIS LIFE.

Jesus told his disciples, that in this world they would have tribulation, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world. How did Jesus overcome and overrule this world? It was by being totally one with God and manifesting His eternal life in this world.

Jesus also told his disciples,

I will give you the keys (the authority) of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind [forbid, declare to be improper and unlawful] on earth will have [already] been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose [permit, declare lawful] on earth will have [already] been loosed in heaven.

GOD HAS ALREADY DONE THIS. HE HAS ALREADY PREPARED HIS KINGDOM FOR US TO INHERIT AS HIS HEIRS.

HE IS ASKING US TO RECEIVE IT AS OUR INHERITANCE AND SPEAK IT FORTH.

Mark 11.24

For this reason, I am telling you, whatever things you ask for in prayer [in accordance with God's will], believe [with confident trust] that you have received them, and they will be *given* to you.

This scripture puzzled me for quite a long time. My mind could not understand how I could pray for something that I already have and then expect to receive it.

Then the Holy Spirit revealed to me, that everything we receive as God's children comes to us by inheritance. He has already given it to us as our inheritance, so when we speak it out we're making a withdrawal on something that He has already made available to us.

A perfect example of this is when Peter and John met the crippled beggar at the beautiful gate begging alms.

Peter said, silver and gold we do not have, but **WHAT WE DO HAVE WE GIVE TO YOU**, rise up and walk.

Please note, that they did not petition God to heal the man. They actually didn't pray at all. They made a withdrawal on the inheritance that Christ's perfect sacrifice made available to them. Then they spoke God's word to the man by the power of the Holy Spirit and he rose up walking, leaping, and praising God.

God has already committed these things to us as our inheritance. He wants us to completely receive our inheritance and act as His sons, His heirs, and joint heirs with Christ, who are seated with Him at the right hand of God, the position of authority.

Jesus said, by this my Father is glorified that you bear much fruit and prove to be my disciples. John 15.8

When John the Baptist was in prison he sent his disciples to Jesus to ask if he truly was the Messiah. Jesus responded to them, go and tell John what you both see and hear. The lame walk, the deaf hear, the blind see, and the poor have the gospel of the kingdom preached to them.

God has predestined us to be conformed to His Son Jesus Christ, so that He would be the first born among many brothers. Romans 8.29

The interesting thing about predestination is that if you plant an orange seed, it will never produce an apple. It's predestined to be an orange.

Jesus was the first fruit and we are the rest of the crop, and we've all been born of the same imperishable seed from God.

As Christians, we've been born again of God's imperishable seed, that is through the living and abiding word of God. 1 Peter 1.23

God's living word has everything within it to produce a full-grown fruit bearing plant. It can only produce one thing, the eternal fruit of God's life in and through us.

Let me share a few final scriptures with you that show God's relentless love for us and His fool-proof plan to set us free from sin and establish His righteousness in us.

Romans 8.1 the amplified version reads,

Therefore, there is now no condemnation, no adjudging guilty of wrong, for those who are in Christ Jesus.

For the law of the Spirit of Life, which is in Christ Jesus, the law of our new being, has freed me from the law of sin and death.

For God has done what the law could not do, its power being weakened by the flesh, which is the entire nature of Man without the Holy Spirit.

Sending His own Son in the guise of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, God condemned sin in the flesh, He subdued it, He overcame it, and He deprived it of its power over all who accept that sacrifice.

So that the righteous and just requirement of the law might be fully met in us who live and move not in the ways of the flesh, but in the ways of the spirit, our lives governed not by the standards and according to the dictates of the flesh, but controlled by the Holy Spirit.

There's only one way that this could be made possible for every person on the planet.

GOD DID IT.

He's asking us to trust His perfect sacrifice for us and allow His Holy Spirit to transform us into what He created us to be, sons who are filled to overflowing with His Eternal Life, that He can use to make every nation on this planet citizens of His Kingdom.

God bless you.

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