

Ephesians 2:4-6 "Because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions - it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus."

How many of you are thinking, "That's right - when I die and go to heaven, I will be seated with Jesus up there"? But this is not a matter of time, for it has already happened. By grace, you *have* been saved, and you *are* seated with Him in the heavenly realms. It is *done!*

Maybe you're thinking, "Well, I thought that Jesus came to live in my heart through the Holy Spirit - so how can I be up there and down here at the same time?" The answer is revealed through what is common to all of us.

We are all very familiar with cell phones, and many of us use Skype, Viber and other means of connecting through the internet with people in faraway places. I am able to speak with people in Europe, Asia, and Africa who hear my voice as if I were standing right next to them. It was God who provided mankind with the wisdom for this technology.

Likewise, it is God who is seated in the heavenly realms with Jesus at His right hand, making intercession for us, even as we are still here on earth and yet somehow with Him in heaven. How it can revolutionize our prayer lives to think of standing right next to God in a little prayer circle with Jesus and us! We don't have to leave our earthly dwelling; we simply trust that this is true and is accessible to us as the birthright of the redeemed.

God has saved us so that we can be fully His and be used as agents of redemption in a world that needs a Savior. He has given us the authority to rule and reign with Him and to take dominion over the works of His hands. He has put all things under our feet, for we are seated with Him in the heavenly realms! And He has promised, "The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet."