

Part 4 – Ephesians 2:14-22

a. Ephesians 2:14-22 (NKJV)¹⁴ For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, ¹⁵ having abolished in His flesh the enmity, *that is*, the law of commandments *contained* in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man *from* the two, *thus* making peace, ¹⁶ and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. ¹⁷ And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.

¹⁹ Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief *cornerstone*, ²¹ in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, ²² in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

(1) He himself is our peace: prosperity, quietness, rest.

(a) When you have no peace, you are not resting in Jesus. Peace is translated as quietness and rest. Peace is a choice that we receive. We don’t have to take part in the hustle and tussle of the worldly affairs.

(b) John 14:27 (NKJV) ²⁷ Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

1. Peace I give to you or Prosperity, quietness and rest I give to you.

(c) John 16:33 (NKJV) ³³ These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will

have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”

1. Tribulation: **thlipsis** *thlip'-sis* From **G2346**; *pressure* (literally or figuratively): - afflicted, (-tion), anguish, burdened, persecution, tribulation, trouble.

Total KJV occurrences: 4

(2) He has reconciled us as one (Jews and Gentiles or Church) and has abolished in His flesh the enmity that is the law of commandments contained in ordinances to make one new man from the two. (Ephesians 2:15)

- (a) Ephesians 2:15 (NKJV)¹⁵ having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man *from* the two, *thus* making peace,

1. Abolished: *kat-arg-eh'-o* From **G2596** and **G691**; **to be (render) entirely idle (useless)**, literally or figuratively: - abolish, **cease**, cumber, deliver, **destroy, do away**, become (make) of no (none, without) effect, fail, loose, bring (come) to nought, put away (down), vanish away, make void.

2. Ordinances: **dogma** *dog'-mah* From the base of **G1380**; a *law* (civil, ceremonial or ecclesiastical): - decree, ordinance. **Total KJV occurrences: 5**

1. We don’t have to keep the ordinances contained in the Torah or the Law of Moses. They were established to bring obedience and submission to God. Through Jesus, He becomes our obedience and submission/
2. Matthew 5:17 (NKJV) ¹⁷ “Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.

3. Jesus fulfilled the law, but He abolished the ordinances which now are not in affect. I don’t have to keep the feast, because the feast are seen in Jesus. He is our Feast of Tabernacles (Leviticus 23:35; John 14:23) He is our feast of weeks (Pentecost) (Acts 1:8) (first fruits), His is our feast of Passover (Leviticus 23:4-8; John 4, 1 Corinthians 5:7, John 1:29, 1 Peter 1:19) He is our First Fruits (Leviticus 23:9-14, 1 Corinthians 15:20-23)

(3) Through Him we have access by ONE Spirit to the Father. (V18)

(a) Access: Admission. Example: Coming up to a gated community. If you don’t have the code to punch in on the access panel, you can’t get in unless someone gives you permission and access. God has given us permission, and Jesus is the access that opens up the Kingdom of God for us to gain entry and use the resources in the Kingdom of God.

1 John 5:14-15: Now this is the confidence that we have **in Him**, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. (15) And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him. Why? Jesus is seated to have direct access and power and has made that available to us!

(1) Where is Jesus? Right hand side of the Father.
(Mark 16:19; Acts 7:55-56; Romans 8:34;
Ephesians 1:20; Colossians 3:1; Hebrews 1:3;
Hebrews 8:1; Hebrews 10:12; Hebrews 12:2; 1
Peter 3:22; Revelation 3:21; Matthew 22:44; Acts
2:33)

(b) John 11:44 (NKJV) ⁴⁴ And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face

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was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Loose him, and let him go.”

- (c) Coming out, requires one to pass through. Just because one comes out of a situation, does not mean they have been loosed.

(c) 2 Timothy 1:7: Power, Love and a Sound Mind.

(4) We create a dwelling place for the Godhead by being In Him (Christ).

(a) John 14:23 (NKJV) ²³ Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.

(b) We Keep reminding ourselves of this until it becomes a reality.

III. Understanding our position is the pivotal point of the church . As we understand, implement and progress, God’s kingdom can be advanced and we can be victorious. The key to understanding and applying is the revelation of the position of the believer in Christ. In Chapters 1 and 2 of Ephesians, In Christ, In him is expressed 8 times (ch 1: 3, 4, 7, 11, 13: Ch 2: 6, 7, 10) which signifies a beginning of a new day.

3 Points of Delegation of Authority that we find in Ch 1 and 2

1. Understand the position that God has given
2. Be willing to accept the position that God has given
3. Be willing to exercise the authority in the position that God has given.

Conclusion: Our direct access to the Kingdom of God and the benefits depends our alignment and position. We keep reminding ourselves of the word until it becomes a reality and manifest inside of our lives. Whatever the case may be, sickness, lack, anger,

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anxiety, richness, blessings, etc, **we rely, believe, confess and respond to God’s Word until it manifest.** It doesn’t make a difference how long we keep standing, we just keep standing, confessing and responding to God’s Word until we see it manifest in our lives!

Part 5 – Revelation Knowledge of In Him

1. Review Week 1 and 2 above. Seated at the table with Jesus – Fellowship, Authority and Delegation.
2. From the beginning, God has given “man” dominion to reign over all God’s creation.

a. Genesis 1:26: The God said, “Let Us make man in our image, according to Our likeness, let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.

b. Man: adam: aw dawm: Human Being: Them – denotes a race – human beings

c. Dominion - *raw-daw'* A primitive root; to *tread* down, that is, *subjugate*; specifically to *crumble* off: - (come to, make to) have dominion, prevail against, reign, (bear, make to) rule, (-r, over), take.

d. Reign: to hold or to exercise sovereign power. To hold a royal office.

e. God has given Man or human race dominion or to prevail, reign over the earth. Notice, not the heavens because the Heavens, the Lord will take care of, but he gave the human race to have dominion on the earth, this is the reason why God said in Matthew 18:18:

“Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. “

➤ Bind: put in bonds, knit or tie together

➤ Loose: Break, destroy, dissolve, put off

Everything is connected to heaven, and when we pray His will, then He hears us according to 1 John 5:14-15, John 14:12-14;

1 John 5:14-15: “Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.”

John 14:12-14: "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater *works* than these he will do, because I go to My Father. And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do *it*."

3. Let’s look at our position: It’s unique and powerful.

a. Psalms 8:4-6: What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him? For You have made him a little lower than the angels, And you have crowned him with glory and honor. You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all *things* under his feet

b. Angels: 'ēlôhîym *el-o-heem'*

Plural of H433; *gods* in the ordinary sense; but specifically used (in the plural thus, especially with the article) **of the supreme God**; occasionally applied by way of deference to *magistrates*; and sometimes as a superlative: - angels, X exceeding, God (gods) (-dess, -ly), X (very) great, judges, X mighty.

b. Crowned: encircled

(1) Glory and Honor: **Glory**: *aw-bode'*, *kaw-bode'* From H3513; properly *weight*; but only figuratively in a good sense, *splendor* or *copiousness*: - glorious (-ly), glory, honour (-able).; **Honor**: *hādār haw-dawr'* From H1921; magnificence, that is, ornament or splendor: - beauty, comeliness, excellency, glorious, glory, goodly, honour, majesty.

(2) Dominion **māshal** *maw-shal'* A primitive root; to *rule*: - (have, make to have) dominion, governor, X indeed, reign, (bear, cause to, have) rule (-ing, -r), have power; Honor:

(3) All the works of Your (God) hands.

4. Ephesians 3:1–13 (NKJV) **3** For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for you Gentiles—² if indeed you have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which was given to me for you, ³ how that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already, ⁴ by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ), ⁵ which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets: ⁶ that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel, ⁷ of which I became a minister according to the gift of the grace of God given to me by the effective working of His power.

⁸ To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹ and to make all see what *is* the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ; ¹⁰ to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly *places*, ¹¹ according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him. ¹³ Therefore I ask that you do not lose heart at my tribulations for you, which is your glory.

a. Fellowship (verse 9) Through fellowship one develops trust, compassion, like mindedness. If you don’t fellowship, you can’t grow together. This fellowship is directly related to the mystery which is the Gentiles being fellow heirs of the same body partakers of the promise of Christ. God created all things through Jesus Christ.

(1) John 1:3 (NKJV) ³ All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

(2) Colossians 1:16 (NKJV) ¹⁶ For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

(3) Jesus = ownership. The transfer of ownership through Christ death, resurrection and ascension.

b. Intent: the state of mind with which an act is done. God’s intent to display the church before all evil powers as His instrument to dispense throughout the earth what He has already accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord (his death, resurrection and ascension)

c. Manifold - Of divers kinds; many in number; numerous; multiplied. Covers with diversity

c. Wisdom made known by the Church (reference 1:15-21)

M(1) To the principalities and powers:

(a) **Principalities:** archē *ar-khay'* From G756; (properly abstract) a *commencement*, or (concrete) *chief* (in various applications of order, time, place or rank): - beginning, corner, (at the, the) first (estate), magistrate, power, principality, principle, rule. **Total KJV occurrences: 58;**

(b) **Powers:** exousia ex-oo-see'-ah From G1832 (in the sense of ability); privilege, that is, (subjectively) force, capacity, competency, freedom, or (objectively) mastery (concretely magistrate, superhuman, potentate, token of control), delegated influence: - authority, jurisdiction, liberty, power, right, strength. **Total KJV occurrences: 103**

f. According to His purpose: 1 John 3:8 to destroy the works of the devil and 2 Cor 5:17-21: Reconcile us back to Him (Jehovah) Weed Control: Always growing and we’ve got to forever by pulling and uprooting. The tide was turned when Jesus died on the Cross.

(Everything was dealt with at the Cross by Jesus Christ – the play book (bible) gives us instructions on how to maintain our position, advance our position and to implement our position. (Manifold)

g. We have boldness to complete this task: V12 ref V10

5. Ephesians 3:14–21 (NKJV) ¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, ¹⁶ that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, ¹⁷ that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may be able to comprehend with all the saints what *is* the width and length and depth and height—¹⁹ to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, ²¹ to Him *be* glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

a. 14-16: Strengthened in might in the inner man knowing the revelation of the position of man on earth – we are his managers and when something isn’t right, we have the authority to intervene and change it based on the written word of God – the legal document.