

L55 | Ephesians | "Quickened, Raised, and Seated" | Eph. 2:1-10

I. Intro/Review:

**But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,
{Ephesians 2:4}**

- **"But God"** in contrast to "you" and in view of "and you" connected to knowing the exceeding greatness of His power.
- **"But God"**
 - in contrast to our conversation 1) dead, 2) walking after the prince of the power of the air (the spirit that worketh), 3) fulfilling the desires of the flesh and the mind, and 4) children of wrath by nature.
- **"who is rich in mercy"**
 - Mercy meets us in our predicament that grace then supplies us
 - Multitude, great, plenteous, everlasting
 - Mercy and truth met together go before His face - truth of our sinfulness and mercy to forgive in Christ in the word of truth, the gospel of our salvation.
- **"for His great love wherewith He loved us"**
 - Love before the foundation of the world to be in love with Him before Him holy and without blame in Christ
 - Accepted in the beloved
 - Commended His love when we were sinners Christ died for us - justified, but now for His great love He quickened, raised, and seated us together with Christ.

II. Preview:

1. The Power of Darkness - The Kingdom of Satan
2. Quickened, Raised, and Seated

III. Sermon:

1. The Power of Darkness - The Kingdom of Satan (Matt. 4:8-9)

- Colossians 1:13 - "the power of darkness"
 - The focus of "the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience" of Eph. 2:2
 - The "spirit that now worketh" is the power of darkness of the prince of the power of the air
 - "spirit" and "darkness" is the power working in the world today
 - Ushered in the substitute wisdom of God's command and wisdom in the garden
 - Perpetuated in that which is adverse to God (Rom. 1 - professing themselves to be wise their foolish heart was darkened)
 - Isa. 25:7 - "And He will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people, and the vail that is spread over all nations."

- Hebrews 2:14 - "the power of death"
 - Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection delivers you from Him that had the power of death
 - Such power of death in view of sin - "the wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23) - which you inherit from Adam and add to
 - Dead to God and alive to sin
 - Dead in trespasses and sins
- Establishment
 - Rom. 5:12 - "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:"
 - Adam and Eve and Satan - the father of the lie
 - Rom. 5:14 - The reign of death - from Adam to Moses
 - Who had the power of death - Satan
 - Stripped from it - Rom. 14 - Lord of the dead and living
- De-Edification
 - Rom. 12 (1 Cor. 1-4) - the wisdom of the world (conform)
 - The Lie - philosophy, tradition, etc
 - Rom. 13 - the works of darkness - when our evil deeds join in line with darkness (Rom. 1)
 - Jn. 3:19
 - "And this is the condemnation," - judged for out in the future
 - "that light is come into the world" - Christ
 - "and men loved darkness rather than light"
 1. Darkness in play before the light comes
 2. Men love darkness so much that the light comes and they still embrace darkness
 3. "This is the condemnation"
 - "because their deeds were evil."
 - Their deeds are evil as the root, thus they love darkness which caters to them, "ok's them", "justifies them", "encourages them".
- Delivered from Death
 - Heb. 2 - the power of death
 - Rom. 6 - dead to sin and alive to God
 - Rom. 6 - gift of God eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- Delivered from the Power of Darkness
 - "spirit of holiness" - Rom. 1
 - "serve in newness of spirit" - Rom. 7
 - "renewing of your mind" - Rom. 12
 - "received the spirit which is of God" - 1 Cor. 2
 - "the word of truth" - the spirit of holiness - the Spirit

**Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)
{Ephesians 2:5}**

2. Quickened, Raised, Seated

1. Quickened (regeneration)

- **"even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ"**
 - Opposite of Romans 5:12 (it is Rom. 5:21)
 - Passing from death to life
 - Col. 2:11-15 - "circumcision", "buried with Him in baptism", "risen with Him through the faith of the operation of God (effectual working)
- **"(by grace ye are saved;)"**
 - This grants you "freely all things with Christ"
 - Quickening is the saving

**And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:
{Ephesians 2:6}**

2. Raised

- **"and hath raised us up together"**
 - Newness of life
 - All things new
 - Not fulfilling the lusts of flesh - being filled with Christ (Eph. 3)
 - Col. 2:10-15

3. Seated

- **"and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:"**
 - Contrast to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience
 - Far above all
 - In this world and the world to come
- Preparation for Eph. 1:10

That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. {Ephesians 2:7}

IV. Conclusion: