

## THE SOURCE OF YOUR NEW POSITION IN CHRIST

(Ephesians 2:4-7)

### I. INTRODUCTION (1:1-2)

### II. THE BELIEVER'S POSITION IN CHRIST (1:3-3:21)

#### A. OUR PRIOR CONDITION IN ADAM (2:1-3)

#### B. OUR PRESENT POSITION IN CHRIST (2:4-7)

1. The conjunction "*But God*" reveals to us that the wrath of God just mentioned (in v. 3) is not the whole story; man's wretched \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_! (v. 4a)
  
2. Those who choose to trust in His Son will receive infinite \_\_\_\_\_; this is the characteristic of God that sees misery and is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to relieve it. (v. 4b)
  
3. The Lord expressed tremendous \_\_\_\_\_ in seeking us sinners out and this \_\_\_\_\_ love was demonstrated sacrificially on the \_\_\_\_\_ of Calvary. (v. 4c)
  
4. Reflecting back on our alienated condition (verses 1-3), even when we were spiritually dead in our sins Paul writes how God demonstrated His mercy and love towards us...
  - a. Three days after Jesus' death by crucifixion He was given new life. (1:20a)  
Likewise, the believer is also made (*aor./act./indic.*) \_\_\_\_\_ **together** with \_\_\_\_\_ by His grace. (v. 5)

b. The Lord was resurrected from the grave, never to die again. (1:20b)  
In the same way, the believer is also \_\_\_\_\_ (*aor./act./indic.*) \_\_\_\_\_ **together**  
with Him. (v. 6a)

c. The Redeemer ascended into heaven and is now seated at the right hand of God. (1:20c)  
In a spiritual sense, the believer is also made (*aor./act./indic.*) to \_\_\_\_\_ **together** with  
Him in the \_\_\_\_\_ in the present. (v. 6b)

\* What does this phrase “*in the ages to come*” refer to here in v. 7, and how might it differ from 1:21?

5. The Lord did these things for a purpose...

a. in order that He might demonstrate the surpassing \_\_\_\_\_ of His matchless  
\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 7a, cf., 1:7)

b. in order that He might demonstrate His \_\_\_\_\_ towards you (and anyone  
else) who is \_\_\_\_\_ “in Christ.” (v. 7b)

\* Dear believer, do you see how Christ’s resurrection and ascension impacts you  
experientially, positionally, and even eternally?