

I. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS SESSIONS

- We are blessed with every spiritual blessing in heavenly places in Christ.
- We were made alive together in Christ (**Ephesians 2:5**)
- We were raised with Christ. (**Ephesians 2:6**)
- We were made to sit together in heavenly places in Christ. (**Ephesians 2:6**)
- **John Macmillan** (Paraphrased): *"Satan will do everything possible to bring the child of God down from his seat in Christ. His goal is to unseat or unsettle us enough that we are unable to operate in the authority given to us in Christ."*

II. SEATED IN THE POWER OF THE BLOOD

For the believer to remain seated in the authority given to him, he must understand the power by which he gained this seat. We are not seated because of our own good works. We are seated only because of God's grace and through the power of the Blood.

A. Opening Scriptures

1. **Ephesians 2:4-10 NKJV** "But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (**by grace you have been saved**), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding **riches of His grace in His kindness** toward us in Christ Jesus. **For by grace you have been saved** through faith, and that **not of yourselves; it is the gift of God**, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."

PASTOR'S NOTE: *Paul wants us to come to a full understanding that our being seated in Christ in heavenly places has nothing to do with our own self effort. HE RAISED US as a gift because of His grace!*

- *I am seated **as a gift**.*
- *I stay seated because it was **His gift to me**.*
- *I am righteous because of **His grace**.*
- *I can remain seated in authority over all the power of the enemy **because of this gift!***

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2. What qualified me for the seat?

a. **Colossians 1:12-14**

NKJV "...giving thanks to the Father **who has qualified** us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed *us* into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption **through His blood**, the forgiveness of sins."

- He himself qualified us.
- He delivered us from the kingdom of darkness.
- He translated/conveyed us from one kingdom to another.
- We are kingdom citizens of heaven—RIGHT NOW.
- We were qualified through HIS BLOOD!
- Nothing could happen apart from the Blood.

b. **Ephesians 1:7**

NKJV "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace."

c. **Ephesians 2:13**

NKJV "But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ."

PASTOR'S NOTE: *The Blood of Christ repositions me. I have been repositioned back to GOD. Not only close, but as close as one can get, SEATED at the right hand of God in heavenly places in Christ!*

3. Keeping the seat—maintaining my place.

a. The chief objective of our enemy is to unseat us so the authority of the believer cannot be released.

b. Condemnation is Satan's #1 strategy to unsettle the believer's authority.

c. The "Accuser of the Brethren"

• **Revelation 12:10**

NKJV "Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, 'Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ

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have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down'."

AMPC "...for the accuser of our brethren, he who keeps bringing before our God charges against them day and night, has been cast out!"

- Satan is always bringing charges against God's people.
- He is an expert finger pointer.
- He can always find something to accuse you of because, in the flesh, you are not perfect.
- There is only one thing that silences his accusation: THE BLOOD!
- Plead the Blood!

PASTOR'S NOTE: *Too often believers think it is spiritual to plead guilty before the Lord. While we do confess our sins before Him to receive forgiveness, my plea before God is not GUILTY. Instead, I plead the BLOOD. The Blood cleanses me from all sin, shame, guilt, condemnation, and anything else associated with the accusation of the accuser. THE ONLY WAY TO SILENCE THE ENEMY IS TO PLEAD THE BLOOD.*

- The BLOOD allows me to stay in my seat.
- The BLOOD keeps me in fellowship with the Father.
- The BLOOD keeps me out of condemnation.
- The BLOOD keeps me in right standing with God!
- THE BLOOD SPEAKS LOUDER THAN ANY ACCUSATION AGAINST ME!

4. The Blood speaks.

a. Abel

- **Genesis 4:10-12**

NKJV "And He said, 'What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground. So now you *are* cursed from the earth, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. When you till the ground, it shall no longer yield its strength to you. A fugitive and a vagabond you shall be on the earth.'"

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- Abel's blood cried out for vengeance.
 - The earth responded, and the curse now operated against Cain even when he tried to harvest from the earth.
- b. The Blood of Jesus
- **Hebrews 12:22-25 NKJV** "But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn *who are* registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, **to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than *that of* Abel.**"
- c. Abel's blood spoke. Jesus' Blood speaks. What is the difference?
- **Hebrews 12:24**
AMPC "And to Jesus, the Mediator (Go-between, Agent) of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood which speaks [of mercy], a better *and* nobler *and* more gracious message than the blood of Abel [which cried out for vengeance]."
- NLT** "You have come to Jesus, the one who mediates the new covenant between God and people, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks of forgiveness instead of crying out for vengeance like the blood of Abel."
- The Blood of Jesus cries out for our forgiveness.
 - While *the accuser* cries out for vengeance for our sin, *the Blood* cries out **louder** for mercy and forgiveness.
 - Whenever the enemy is attempting to unseat you through condemnation and unworthiness, **PLEAD THE BLOOD / SPEAK THE BLOOD**.
 - Satan can do nothing against the Blood!
 - The Blood will keep you in your seat, in your authority, and your prayers in working order.

PASTOR'S NOTE: *Do not refuse the Blood the right to speak on your behalf. The Blood is always speaking!*

- **Hebrews 12:25**

NKJV "See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more *shall we not escape* if we turn away from Him who *speaks* from heaven."

5. Since the Blood speaks, I speak!

- a. **Revelation 12:11 NKJV** "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death." **GWT** "They won the victory over him because of the blood of the lamb and the word of their testimony."
- b. To appropriate the Blood to the circumstances of my life, I MUST SPEAK!
- c. The Blood has already spoken for me, but for it to work for me I must speak it (our "profession of faith").
- d. The Blood stands between me and every attack of the enemy.
- e. The Blood is not a plea of desperation, but a plea of **faith** in the finished work of Christ at the cross on my behalf.
- f. The Blood is applied by **confession**!