

Lesson 1

“Seated with Christ” – The Secret to Sitting like Christ

Scripture readings in the Authorized King James Version (AKJV) and Amplified Bible Classic Edition (AMPC)

Ephesians 1:17-23

Authorized (King James) Version

-OPENING PRAYER-

That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: ¹⁸the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹and what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, ²⁰which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: ²²and hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, ²³which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

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¹⁷ *[For I always pray to] the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, that He may grant you a spirit of wisdom and revelation [of insight into mysteries and secrets] in the [deep and intimate] knowledge of Him,*

¹⁸ *By having the eyes of your heart flooded with light, so that you can know and understand the hope to which He has called you, and how rich is His glorious inheritance in the saints (His set-apart ones),*

¹⁹ And [so that you can know and understand] what is the immeasurable and unlimited and surpassing greatness of His power in and for us who believe, as demonstrated in the working of His mighty strength,

²⁰ Which He exerted in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His [own] right hand in the heavenly [places],

²¹ Far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and every name that is named [above every title that can be conferred], not only in this age and in this world, but also in the age and the world which are to come.

²² And He has put all things under His feet and has appointed Him the universal and supreme Head of the church [a headship exercised throughout the church],

²³ Which is His body, the fullness of Him Who fills all in all [for in that body lives the full measure of Him Who makes everything complete, and Who fills everything everywhere with Himself].

Ephesians 2:4-10

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⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) ⁶ and hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: ⁷ that in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: ⁹ not of works, lest any man should boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

EPHESIANS 2:4-10 Amplified Bible Classic Edition

⁴ But God—so rich is He in His mercy! Because of and in order to satisfy the great and wonderful and **intense love** with which He loved us,

⁵ Even when we were dead (slain) by [our own] shortcomings and trespasses, He **made us alive together in fellowship and in union with Christ**; [He gave us the very life of Christ Himself, the same new life with which He quickened Him, for] it is by grace (His favor and mercy which you did not deserve) that you are saved ([^a]delivered from judgment and made partakers of Christ's salvation).

⁶ And He **raised us up together with Him and made us sit down together** [giving us [^b]**joint seating with Him**] in the heavenly sphere [by virtue of our being] in Christ Jesus (the Messiah, the Anointed One).

⁷ He did this that He might clearly demonstrate through the ages to come the immeasurable (limitless, surpassing) **riches of His free grace** (His unmerited favor) in [His] kindness and goodness of heart toward us in Christ Jesus.

⁸ **For it is by free grace** (God's unmerited favor) that you are saved ([^c]delivered from judgment and made partakers of Christ's salvation) through [your] faith. And this [salvation] is not of yourselves [of your own doing, it came not through your own striving], **but it is the gift of God**;

⁹ Not because of works [not the fulfillment of the Law's demands], lest any man should boast. [It is not the result of what anyone can possibly do, so no one can pride himself in it or take glory to himself.]

¹⁰ For we are God's [own] handiwork (His workmanship), [^d]recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] **that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us** [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them [**living the good life** which He **prearranged**[^{d1}] and made ready for us to live].

Colossians 2:10

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¹⁰ And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:

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¹⁰ And you ^[1]are in Him, made full and having come to fullness of life [in Christ you too are filled with the Godhead—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—and reach full spiritual stature]. And He is the Head of all rule and authority [of every angelic principality and power].

Colossians 3:1

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3 If ye then be risen with Christ, **seek those things which are above**, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

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3 If then you have been raised with Christ [to a new life, thus sharing His resurrection from the dead], aim at and seek the [rich, eternal treasures] that are above, **where Christ is, seated** at the right hand of God. ² And set your minds and keep them set on what is above (the higher things), not on the things that are on the earth.

³ For [as far as this world is concerned] you have died, and your [new, real] life is hidden with Christ in God.

SEATED WITH CHRIST – Lesson- 1

God made Him (Jesus) to sit ... and made US, His sons and daughters to sit with Him.

- 1) Christianity does not begin with walking but with sitting. We must first Sit down and let the Master teach us. The Master stands and the disciples sit and learn.
- 2) By God's grace we are sitting next to Jesus, Jesus is sitting next to His Father the Ancient of Days, the God of Israel.
- 3) This is a chair of honor paid for by Christ's blood.
- 4) This is a "Chair of Authority". It Provides the "believing believer" with Victory over Satan, Sin, Hell, Sickness, Depression, Mental Illness of all sorts, death, and the grave and the ability to perform Healing miracles just like Jesus.
- 5) The error that most Christians make is that they make the mistake of trying to walk in order to be able to "Sit Down". This is a reversal of Divine order.
- 6) Divine Order is entering into your chair by grace, as a gift of God. **"The Chair of Adoption"** as his true blood bought children is **only obtained by doing nothing-** but asking, simply relaxing into the completed work that Jesus did on the cross and SITTING DOWN !
- 7) Christianity begins not with a big "to do list", but with "a big done list". Ephesians opens with a profound simple statement. That "God **OUR** Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (The Messiah) **Who HAS** (past tense) BLESSED US in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realm! "
- 8) I can do nothing to **SAVE**= ("**SOZO**"- Healing, Deliverance from demons, Freedom from sin, Adopted as Gods Child) myself; God has done everything for me in Christ. Not somethings, everything! **All is acquired by sitting down** and receiving by grace and faith.

- 9) From day one of salvation to your final day upon the earth complete and utter dependance upon the FINISHED work of the Lord Jesus Christ is required. Jesus said it best in the book of: John 19:30 :“It is Finished” now you know what “IT” is.
- 10) Advancing in mature discipleship as Gods legal blood bought son or daughter requires us; actually, dogmatically demands of us, to FIRST SIT DOWN in Christ ONLY THEN is advancement attainable.
- 11) What does it really mean to “Be seated with Christ” to “SIT”. Most believers sit down for a brief moment during their Salvation moment. The glorious day they ask by grace and faith for God to Save them from hell and become God’s blood bought child. Moments later they are walking and running in a frenzy of activity. They never realize they must stay seated while walking and running with God their Father. During your whole Christian walk, you can choose by faith and grace to REST all of your load and weights of life upon HIM. Today, tomorrow, and your distant future. Everything, every decision upon HIM – Upon the Lord of Glory.
- 12) As we are seated lean back and say: “Lord it’s your Kingdom it’s all for your glory I am done forever bearing the responsibility and the worry for your Kingdom and my personal life. I choose to sit and rest FIRST then I shall by your strength (that I receive, as I pray and worship and read your word) I will then walk and stand in the strength that I daily receive from you,God my Father.
- 13) What day was Adam created on? That’s right the 6th day. After he was created what did God proclaim on the 7th day? Correct, God proclaimed a Sabbath day a day when you SIT DOWN and ONLY REST.

- 14) This was an Old Testament shadow of what is to come. Today in the New Covenant **we have a Sabbath day, Every Day** so long as we stay seated. Adam began his first full day on earth on the Sabbath.
- 15) We have now discovered the Proper Divine Order. Mankind Starts out seated and resting. Then and then alone is true maturity gained and **"Loving Christ like Disciples"** are emerging from the tomb resurrected with Christ. Once we stay seated **each and every day** then and then alone can work in Gods Kingdom begin.
- 16) Shabbot Shalom means "peaceful rest" in Hebrew. Imagine each and every day truly living in peaceful rest. This can be your reality, **IF you choose to stay seated as you grow in God's Love.**
- 17) Stay Seated in Christ and all the Wisdom, Righteousness, Consecration and Redemption is yours by faith and grace. Did you ever wonder where the wood came from for your seat that Christ paid for? The wood came from that **"Old Rugged Cross"** of our Messiah, the Christ. Sit down in that seat, become a Life Time Disciple of Christ and then and only then you will be set for life, eternal life, with God as His Special and LOVED son or daughter. In this seat you will find a book called the Bible when you read from a seated position you will find the following:

*1 Corinthians 1: 30 " But it is from Him that you have your life in Christ Jesus, Whom God made our **Wisdom** from God, [revealed to us a knowledge of the divine plan of salvation previously hidden, manifesting itself as] our **Righteousness** [thus making us upright and putting us in right standing with God], and our **Consecration** [making us pure and holy], and our **Redemption** [providing our ransom from the eternal penalty for sin]."*

18) **The Ephesians 1:20 - 2:6 Principle.** Our beloved brother Paul prays in Eph 1:18 that "...the eyes of your heart would be flooded with light SO that you can know and understand the hope to which HE has called you,..." The heart is really your human spirit and your human spirit has eyes and ears that must be developed and brought to maturity, as we are seated in Christ.

19) **The Double Seat of God.** First God made Jesus sit down Ephesians 1:20 and then **Secondly, We sit down** in the wooden seat made from the "Cross of Calvary" that Jesus the King of Kings has provided. Hear the word of the Lord:

*"⁶ And He raised us up together with Him **and made us sit down together** [giving us ^{to}joint seating with Him] in the heavenly sphere [by virtue of our being] in Christ Jesus (the Messiah, the Anointed One)."*

20) God offers us the daily position of REST. Jesus says to us: *"I beg of you, please honor my suffering on the cross and finally choose to sit down"*. It is very much like the great Banquet feast in Revelations 19: 9 and the Great Supper of Luke 14: 17 **"Come, for All is now ready"**. Yet you lack one thing, before you enjoy your supper you must first SIT down and then you can eat of the spiritual position, HE has placed you in and receive the balanced revelations of HIS Kingdom, HE so deeply wants you to have. Your Christian Life can now finally begin as you discover what Christ Has done for you and SIT down upon it and let it become part of your human spirit integrated into your very being. You now are in process of being "Born Again" with your mind and spirit renewed into the likeness of Jesus Himself.

- 21) Your new found adoption as Gods child begins on the finished work of another, namely Jesus Christ Himself. By Faith you humbly receive ALL that He has provided you: **"SIT DOWN" into it** and you progressively become more and more and more like Christ Jesus Himself.
- 22) How can I receive the power of the Holy Spirit for Christian Service is it by labor and begging and afflicting my soul with fasting and self-denial? No, Never, One just sits back in worship and praying in tongues **and daily receives God's Power** as we drink this new living water with this new wine we become infused with power. **The "Seat of Authority" always has power but we need to charge up our spirits so that we can have access to His power by faith.** The same way we receive forgiveness of sins is the same way we are empowered for service Ephesians 1:7 "according to the riches of His Grace..." and Ephesians 1:6 that his gifts are "freely bestowed upon us in the Beloved".
- 23) We have our Redemption through the power of His Divine Blood that is on the foundation of what Jesus did, His completed works for us to simply and humbly receive.
- 24) How do we receive from the Lord by doing and pleading and taring and walking. No! you receive by SITING DOWN not by doing but by resting in the chair made from the wood of the cross **"The Cross Chair"**. So, there is no need to wait for the experience of Salvation, today is the day. Equally there is no need to wait for the Baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues, today is the day!
- 25) BY FAITH ALONE we manifest our position in Christ. WE have died to all sin (Romans 6: 6 & 11 Amplified Bible) "6 We know that our old (unrenewed) self was nailed to the cross with Him in order that [our] body [which is the instrument] of sin might be made

ineffective *and* inactive for evil, that we might no longer be the slaves of sin.... ¹¹ Even so **consider yourselves also dead to sin *and* your relation to it broken, but alive to God** [living in unbroken fellowship with Him] in Christ Jesus."

26) Everything that has been spoken today has actual occurred **in your past**. This **"Cross Seat"** has already happened in your spiritual past as God's Word clearly states in Galatians 2: 20 (A-KJV)

*"I am **crucified with Christ**: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me:..."* (and again in) Romans 6:6 *"knowing this, that our old man is **crucified with him**, that the body of sin might be destroyed". **Everyone who believes in Faith and SITS DOWN** in **the "Cross made Seat"** receives the benefits of being seated in heavenly places.*

1 Corinthians 1: 30 *" But it is from Him that you have your life in Christ Jesus, Whom God made our **Wisdom** from God, [revealed to us a knowledge of the divine plan of salvation previously hidden, manifesting itself as] our **Righteousness** [thus making us upright and putting us in right standing with God], and our **Consecration** [making us pure and holy], and our **Redemption** [providing our ransom from the eternal penalty for sin]."*

Sin is destroyed.... And a lot more.

- a) Demon Spirit manipulation in your life, mind, will, emotions, and your thoughts is now over. Once you Sit down and make the decision to control each and every thought you think.*
- b) Physical healing in your body by faith and patience.*

Psalms 103: 3

*Bless the LORD, O my soul:
and all that is within me, bless his holy name.
 ² Bless the LORD, O my soul,
 and forget not all his benefits:
 ³ who forgiveth all thine iniquities;
 who healeth all thy diseases;
 ⁴ who redeemeth thy life from destruction;
 who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;
 ⁵ who satisfieth thy mouth with good things;
 so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.*

- 27) But how can I be so, so, sure that I am “Seated with Christ” and I am “IN CHRIST”? Your Faith in what God has done in your life is proof that the bible is divinely inspired. You are the walking word of God come alive.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.”

- 28) If I take three different bottles of wine. One bottle represents Christ and one bottle represents the Father God and One bottle represents yourself. Then I pour them ALL together to make a fourth bottle of wine. This is an example of you being IN Christ and “Seated with Christ in Heavenly places” sitting in your “Cross made Chair”. The Father God and Son Jesus Sitting down next to you and living inside of you.

A good example of this Transformation into the “ONE New Man” is the story of Daniel in the “Burning Fiery Furnace”. Three people were tossed into the Burning Fiery Furnace. Representing GOD, the Father the Lord **Jesus Christ the Messiah** and the Holy Spirt.

In Apostle Johns Letter Chapter 2 Jesus turns water into wine. He (Jesus) turned about 180 gallons or 681.37 liters of water into the best of the best wine. The human body is made up of 45-75% water. The wine represents Jesus precious divine blood. The water represents mankind. In verse four Jesus states:

*⁴ Jesus said to her, [^aDear] woman, what is that to you and to Me? [What do we have in common? Leave it to Me.] My time **(hour)** to act) has not yet come.- **Amplified Classic Version***

*³ And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine. ⁴ Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? **mine hour** is not yet come” - **King James Authorized Version** .*

“And when **the hour** was come, he sat down, and the twelve apostles with him. ¹⁵ And he said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer:”- Luke 22: 13-15 KJV

Jesus states: “**My hour** has not yet come”? What in the world does that have to do with the shortage of wine at a **wedding?** Well, it doesn't, Jesus Was speaking of the future Cross when HE pours out HIS blood for the future “Bride of Christ”. This is why He did this “First” of miracles. Notice that he does not number any other miracle in the bible. Because this was HIS number 1 priority for HIS purpose on the earth namely to Redeem Mankind from their death in sin and create one new man in Christ Jesus called “The Bride of Christ” or “The Bride of the Messiah”. Our Jewish Messiah LOVES HIS Jewish people all over the world HE holds out His arms to them and says:

“Come unto me you who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest. Come learn of me for I am gentle and lowly of Heart...-Jesus, your Messiah, Yeshua”

¹⁴“For He is [Himself] our peace (our bond of unity and harmony). **He has made us both [Jew and Gentile] one [body]**, and has broken down (destroyed, abolished) the hostile dividing wall between us,

By abolishing in His [own crucified] flesh the enmity [caused by] the Law with its decrees and ordinances [which He annulled]; that He from the two might create in **Himself one new man [one new quality of humanity]** out of the two], so making peace.”

-Ephesians 2: 14-15 Amplified Classic Edition

On a side note: **The Word “Christ”** is derived from the Greek word “Christos” which means “Anointed One” The word Christos was derived from the Hebrew word “Masiah or Messiah” meaning “[One who is] Anointed from God”. So, **Christ means “The One Anointed Messiah”**. Ok back to the story.

Three people go into the Burning Furnace and then One More appears. The three friends of Daniel were tossed into the Burning furnace by order of the King. Their names have interesting meanings: **Shadrach** whose real Hebrew name was Hananiah meaning “Yahweh protects”. **Meshach** whose Hebrew name was Mishael meaning “Who is like the Mighty God of Israel” and **Abednego** whose real name was Azariah meaning “Helped by the God Yahweh”. The name **Yahweh** means “HE brings into Existence Whatever Exists”.

When you look at the possible prophetic meaning of the three men tossed into the Burning Furnace of Fire and consider that this is a picture of the New Testament “New Birth or Born Again Experience” becoming “In Christ” and “Christ in You” .

When you “Sit Down” in the “Cross Seat” made from the wood and blood of Jesus Cross. You become ONE with the GOD Yahweh the God of Israel. The one true God creator of Heaven and Earth. Three men went into the FIRE and then Christ came into the fire with them. Just like the Spirit of Christ entering you at your salvation by HIS Holy Fire.

When Gods Holy fire comes into you and you SIT down in “The Cross Seat” you are sitting down by faith into the Hebrew names that God gave Daniels friends. 1) Yahweh protects 2) Who is like the Mighty God of Israel 3) Helped by God 4) HE, Yahweh brings into existence, Whatever Exists. “. Namely, the transformation experience of becoming Gods sons and daughters full of the Fire of God and God living inside of you via, the Holy Spirit, the Father God and Divine Son Jesus. This is to be “Born Again” by the Spirt of God spoken of in John Chapter 3.

And finally, Daniels name in Hebrew means; “My Judge is God”. This is a good thing because Jesus precious blood finds us “Not Guilty” when we repent as His children and they are granted the right and privilege to be IN HIS Kingdom, The Kingdom of God.

Daniel 3: 24-25

²⁴ *Then Nebuchadnezzar the king [saw and] was astounded, and he jumped up and said to his counselors, Did we not cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered, True, O king.*

²⁵ *He answered, Behold, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they are not hurt! And the form of the fourth is like a son of the gods!*

² *“When suddenly there came a sound from heaven like the rushing of a violent tempest blast, and it filled the whole house in which they were sitting.*

³ *And there appeared to them tongues resembling fire, which were separated and distributed and which settled on each one of them.*

⁴ *And they were all filled (diffused throughout their souls) with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other (different, foreign) languages (tongues), as the Spirit ^[a]kept giving them clear and loud expression [in each tongue in appropriate words].”*

- Acts 2:2-4 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

God’s Fire is present when the Holy Spirit enters you when you are “Baptized in the Holy Spirit” or how Acts 19 expresses it in verse 5-6 “baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus”

⁵ *“On hearing this they were baptized [again, this time] **in the name of the Lord Jesus.***

⁶ *And as Paul laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them; and they spoke in [foreign, unknown] tongues (languages) and prophesied.”*

⁹ *For in Him the whole fullness of Deity (the Godhead) continues to dwell in bodily form [giving complete expression of the divine nature].*

¹⁰ ***And you ^[a]are in Him, made full and having come to fullness of life [in Christ you too are filled with the Godhead—Father, Son and Holy Spirit]—and reach full spiritual stature]. And He is the Head of all rule and authority [of every angelic principality and power].***

¹¹ *In Him also you were circumcised with a circumcision not made with hands, but in a [spiritual] circumcision [performed by] Christ by stripping off the body of the flesh (the whole corrupt, carnal nature with its passions and lusts).*

-Colossians 2:9-11 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

In conclusion, to lesson one, we have learned that by FAITH we are **Seated with Christ** and that we have overcome all Sin, Temptation, Worry and Fear, all mental

illness and we are empowered for miracles just like Jesus did by the baptism of the Holy Spirit. In addition We as God Sons and Daughters have complete authority over all demon spirits and Satan (in Hebrew "HELEL") to cast them out to dry places. But what is our trouble what is the problem with the body of Christ who often resembles the opposite from the above?

Beloved, your trouble is the same as any small child, you are trying to WALK before You have learned to properly sit down. This is the opposite of the Divinely appointed order. This opposite order leads to a sure defeat in your daily walk with Christ. The beginnings to your Christian life are just like the wedding feast in John 2. They all SAT DOWN and enjoyed the wedding wine and meal.

No Christian experience begins by walking, but always with a definite, intentional "Sitting Down". The secret to deliverance from sin is not to DO something, but to Rest by Faith on what God has Done. Meditate on this, see yourself seated with Christ each and every day of your Christian life. Start today and watch how you will finally begin to walk and later to stand. In this, victory is guaranteed.

*****This is the end of lesson 1*****

Jesus Blessings and the Blessings of Abraham be upon you and your families
-amen and amen.

Brother,
Dirk