

D. The Resurrection Dynamic Equips Us for Warfare. Ephesians 2:5-7:

“Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.” (Ephesians 2:5-7, KJV 1900)

1. It's About Elevating - This was the whole plan of history – Ephesians 3:10.
2. It's About Energizing - Ephesians 3:20
3. It's About Equipping - Paul offers us a magnificent theological recap of exactly what is happening with this resurrection dynamic in Ephesians 4.
4. It's About Engaging - Just to be sure we understand that we have not only been declared resurrection victors, Paul reminds us that we are resurrection warriors, Ephesians 6! We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against those principalities and powers over which Christ has already given us victory. We are to put on the whole panoply of God and engage!

E. This Resurrection Dynamic Must Be Exercised with Urgency. (Philippians 2:12-13)

- This power is **Person** based. John 14:12.
- Secondly, this power is **practical**. Romans 6:8-11.
- Thirdly, this power is **ambient**. 2 Corinthians 3:18.
- Fourthly, this power is **vocational**. Ephesians 2:15-23.
- Fifthly, this power is **personal**. Ephesians 4:7-13.
- Finally, this power is **prayer** based. Ephesians 1:19-20. I fear this power is latent in too many of us.

We have a choice this hour. Philippians 2:12-13.



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A disposable mini-guide to keep us on task for today's study.
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CHRIST ALONE! (II. The Resurrection Dynamic)

Series Introduction: *Our study has to do with the centrality of Christ in our thinking, our theology, our worship, our teaching, and in the presentation of ourselves in everyday life. This is part of a series.*

Intro:

By way of review: We are discovering New Covenant dynamics by looking into the face of Christ. 2 Corinthians 3:18 In our pursuit of Jesus Christ and our New Covenant dynamics, we used Philippians 3:10-14 as our springboard, and we will continue to do so today. We are particularly involved with Philippians 3:10 in both the KJV and the Amplified Version. We have studied the first dynamic, The Christ Life.

Today's Lesson Goal: 1.) To see the Resurrection as more than a doctrinal fact and, 2.) to understand that the resurrection of Christ is the hallmark of our spiritual authority in Christ.

Our Session Outline: A. The Resurrection Dynamic Flows from Christ's Actual Resurrection. B. The Resurrection Dynamic is Excessively Powerful. C. This Resurrection Dynamic Endowed Christ with New Authority. D. The Resurrection Dynamic Equips Us for Warfare. E. This Resurrection Dynamic Must Be Exercised with Urgency.

A. The Resurrection Dynamic Flows from Christ's Actual Resurrection.

We will be visiting passages throughout Ephesians in this study.

Paul wants these believers to understand the exceeding greatness of His power which was wrought in Christ because of the resurrection. Eph. 1:19-20

The dynamics of the Old Covenant will always place us in bondage. There is NO resurrection dynamic in the Old Testament. The resurrection of Christ makes the Old Covenant inadequate as a spiritual life model.

B. The Resurrection Dynamic is Excessively Powerful. (Ephesians 1:19)

Resurrection truth applies to our salvation, but we can forget that it also applies to our salvation experience. We need the exceeding greatness of this power in our life. We need to understand this dynamic.

C. This Resurrection Dynamic Endowed Christ with New Authority. (Ephesians 1:20-21/ Col. 1:15, 16)

Ephesians and Colossians are mega books that deal with mega themes, and they are written against a mega background – the war and ultimate reunion of heaven and earth.

When the Father raised the Son and wrought this mighty resurrection life toward us, he SEATED THE SON AT HIS OWN RIGHT HAND IN HEAVENLY PLACES. And just to be clear, let's continue on with verses 21 and 22 here:

“Far 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: And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,” (Ephesians 1:21–22, KJV 1900)

When the Father seated Christ is important. Romans 4:25.

“Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.” (Romans 4:25) Our justification could not have occurred without this resurrection.

How the Father seated Christ is important.

Now, I want to tell you, the courts of heaven rang from one end to the

other on that day! There was not a dry eye anywhere! This was the consummate point in the history of the whole creation – heaven and earth!

Where the Father seated Christ is important. He was seated at the right hand of the Father, far above all principalities and powers! This was no private celebration!

Doctrinal Note: The resurrected Christ is seated at the right hand of the Father, even as we speak. He is NOT seated on David's throne, as Progressive Dispensationalists would have Him. David's throne will be established right here on earth.

Why did the Father seat the Son in such a manner? It is all about authority. We are talking about Christ's authority in heaven and earth. Paul makes that point very clear in Colossians 1:15-16. The authority which Christ has always had in heaven is also inclusive of earth.

“Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:” (Colossians 1:15–16, KJV 1900)

That authority was never disposed by our Lord. However, that authority WAS usurped on earth. (Sin removes our authority.)

“While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage.” (2 Peter 2:19, KJV 1900)

“And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:” (Ephesians 2:1–2, KJV 1900)

You're not in bondage anymore. That is, you're only in bondage if you choose to be. Consider absorbing yourself in Romans 6:14-19 later on.

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