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STUDY GUIDE

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### **Q. Where are you sitting?**

As Christians it is essential to understand who you truly are and your spiritual position (that means authority) before God. Without a revelation of this knowledge, Christians tend to live powerless lives, operating at a fraction of their true spiritual strength, trying to use natural rather than supernatural means to accomplish what God has called them to do. This includes moving opposing spiritual forces, deliverance, healing infirmities and establishing godly authority in homes & governments etc.

*“For He raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus.”*

***Ephesians 2:6 - New Living Translation (©2007)***

Paul in these verses writes in the past tense - *i.e. that God seated us* - not future tense - that He will seat us - as He does in Eph 1:3, *“Blessed [be] the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly [places] in Christ”*. This states that these things **have** happened, not **will** happen, inferring access to both the authority and blessings referred to.

*“He (Jesus) knew that when God delegated responsibility to someone, even God Himself respected that person’s authority (Luke 8:51)”*

***Born 4 BC, page 23***

*“God is the absolute authority and He delegates authority to parents, governments and spiritual leaders. However, it is when certain people abuse their delegated authority that problems are caused in the world. You too have been given certain authority by God in your own sphere of life and He expects you to use your delegated authority”*.

***Born 4 BC, page 68***

*“Do not use God’s name and authority shallowly;” (3rd commandment)*

***Born 4 BC, page 24***

Taking spiritual authority is similar to when a Politician is elected into the position of President or Prime Minister. The person does not need to do anything to receive the authority that goes with the role, they can immediately move into the residence, require leaders meet with them when they require, sign documents into law, charge things to the government expense accounts etc. Everyone who sees them, addresses them by, and sees them through their title and no longer by their name. The same is true of spiritual authority! This effects even the way we pray. We no longer have to beg God for the things we need to serve Him but rather take hold of the “spiritual blessings” He has provided us with and use the authority He has given us to see “His kingdom come on earth as it is in Heaven”.



# STUFF TO TALK ABOUT

## — HEAD —

<b>YOUNG</b>	What does it mean to be seated with Jesus? <b>Acts 7:49</b>
<b>GROWING</b>	What does it mean to be seated in heavenly places? What is “heavenly”? <b>Eph 1:18-23</b>
<b>MATURE</b>	Is being seated with Jesus in heavenly places a reality or a spiritual metaphor? Does this matter? <b>Heb 11:13-16, Phl 3:20</b>

## — HEART —

<b>YOUNG</b>	How can you feel like you are seated with Jesus on an ongoing basis?
<b>GROWING</b>	Do you feel like you are seated in heavenly places? Why/why not?
<b>MATURE</b>	What would you say/do with someone who says they cannot appropriate the concept of being seated in heavenly places?

## — HANDS —

<b>YOUNG</b>	If you are seated in heavenly places, how does this effect how you hear from God?
<b>GROWING</b>	If you are seated in heavenly places, how will this effect how you pray?
<b>MATURE</b>	If you are seated in heavenly places, how will this effect your authority in the Spirit <b>Eph 3:10-12, Eph 6:10-12</b> Does this mean we are ruling with Jesus now? <b>Matt 28:18</b>



## STUFF TO DO

Pray together “from heavenly places” for your church community and anything concerning you, using the authority available to you.

## PRAYER POINTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHURCH / COLLEGE MAKEOVER - SAT 16<sup>TH</sup> JULY**  
**HEART FOR THE HOUSE - SUN 21<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST**

## STUFF TO GET YOU THINKING

Ephesians 1:3, and 1:17-21 and 2:4-7 and 3:10-12 and 6:10-12

*“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.”*

*“... that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, 23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.*

*“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.*



*"... to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places, according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him."*

*"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.*

**<http://www.lofj.com/PDF%20Files1/Our%20Position%20in%20the%20Heavenly%20Places.pdf>**

*"When he raised Christ from the dead, he did in effect raise up all believers together with him, he being their common head; and when he placed him at his right hand in heavenly places, he advanced and glorified them in and with him, their raised and exalted head and forerunner.—And made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. This may be understood in another sense. Sinners roll themselves in the dust; sanctified souls sit in heavenly places, are raised above the world; the world is as nothing to them, compared with what it has been, and compared with what the other world is. Saints are not only Christ's freemen, but they are assessors with him; by the assistance of his grace they have ascended with him above this world to converse with another, and they live in the constant expectation of it. They are not only servants to the best of masters in the best work, but they are exalted to reign with him; they sit upon the throne with Christ, as he has sat down with his Father on his throne."*

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