

Enthroned With Christ

Learning to exercise your throne Rights

Ephesians 2:1-6

1. Ephesians 2:6 from selected translations

raised us with Him from the dead, and enthroned us with Him in the heavenly realms as being in Christ Jesus, (Weymouth)

raised us with Him from the dead, and enthroned us with Him in the heavenly realms as being in Christ Jesus, (Wesley NT)

In our union with Christ Jesus he raised us up with him to rule with him in the heavenly world. (TEV)

And He raised us up together with Him and made us sit down together [giving us ^[1] joint seating with Him] in the heavenly sphere [by virtue of our being] in Christ Jesus (the Messiah, the Anointed One). (Amplified)

God has brought us back to life together with Christ Jesus and has given us a position in heaven with him. (God's Word Translation)

2. Commentaries on Ephesians 2:6

In Christ Jesus. Connect with raised up, made us sit, and in heavenly places. Resurrection, enthronement, heaven, all are in Christ. (Vincent's Word Studies)

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*. (Matthew Henry's Commentary)

Notice ... the past tense which describes the finality of Christ's work, vv, 5, 6. In the purpose of God we have been raised from the grave of sin and are seated with the risen Lord in the place of acceptance and victory. We were one with Christ when he lay in the grave and arose. In God's thought we have already taken our seat with the glorified Christ upon the throne; the pity is that we do not believe this or act as if we have done so. (F. B. Meyer Bible Commentary, p. 550)

3. Christ not only enthroned us but He dethroned the demonic rulers:

a. 1 Cor. 2:6-7

We do discuss 'wisdom' with those who are mature: only it is not the wisdom of this

world or of the DETHRONED POWERS who rule this world, It is the mysterious wisdom of God that we discuss, that hidden wisdom which God decreed from all eternity for our glory. (Moffat)

b. The Scripture teach us that Satan was dethroned as ruler over our lives due to Jesus' redemptive work - Read again Eph. 2:1-5 (note esp. v. 2) and compare to John 12:31; Col. 1:12-14; Heb. 2:14

c. Eph. 1:18-23 - Christ reigns over the dethroned rulers through His body, the church.

4. Our Enthronement with Christ is due to our IDENTIFICATION and UNION in Him

a. Col. 2:9-15; Rom. 6:1-7

b. We died with Him, we were buried with Him, we were raised with Him, we were ASCENDED with Him

c. because of our identification with Christ we are to reign with Him in this life - Rom. 5:17

5. Man was meant to have dominion

a. Gen. 1:26-28; Gen. 4:7; Psalm 8:4-8

b. We are expected to exercise authority and do the same works that Jesus did while He was on earth - Matt. 21:18-22; John 14:10-12 (see also Acts 2:22; 10:38; and Matt. 12:28).

c. Moses was rebuked for praying when he should have been exercising authority - Ex. 14:15-16