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You Have a New Address

Discover why your position in Christ changes how you face the life in front of you.

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PRIMARY SCRIPTURES

Ephesians 2:4–10; Ephesians 2:6

SUPPORTING SCRIPTURES

John 19:30; Colossians 3:1–4; Romans 8:1; Hebrews 4:14–16

READ TEACHING

A change of address changes where you receive your mail. Paul describes an even deeper change: God has made believers alive together with Christ. Our identity is no longer grounded in the old life of alienation, but in the mercy of God.

Ephesians 2:6 NKJV says, “and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.” The words “in Christ Jesus” matter. This position comes through union with Him. We do not become independent sources of divine power; we live in dependence on the One who has saved us.

Jesus’ declaration in John 19:30 announces the completion of His work at the cross. Paul’s teaching places believers within the story of His death, resurrection, and exaltation. Grace gives us a new standing before God. We do not have to earn an invitation to approach Him.

This does not mean every difficulty disappears. Paul wrote about suffering as well as victory. Our new position changes the source from which we face trouble: we approach God through Christ, receive His mercy, and walk in the good works He has prepared.

Consider where shame has been directing your choices. Bring that thought before God. Read Ephesians 2:4–10 slowly, keeping mercy, grace, and good works together. Ask: What faithful step becomes possible when I stop trying to earn the Father’s welcome?

KEY REVELATION POINTS

Your position in Christ is a gift of grace, not a reward for performance.

Being seated with Christ expresses participation in His risen life, not equality with God.

The Finished Work produces faithful action; it does not remove the call to obedience.

TEACHING / SERMON OUTLINE

1. Begin with God’s mercy: Ephesians 2:4–5.

2. Explain our union with the risen Christ: Ephesians 2:6.

3. Distinguish grace from earning: Ephesians 2:8–9.

4. End with the good works grace makes possible: Ephesians 2:10.

YOUR POSITION IN CHRIST

“and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus” - Ephesians 2:6 NKJV

Read all passages in context. Use this handout for personal study, group discussion, or sermon preparation.