



## In The Heavenlies

Eph. 1:3-5

- 1. Eph. 1:3-14: OUTLINE
- 1:3-6: The Father's eternal, gracious provision is PRAISEWORTHY.
- 1:7-12:The Son's redemptive work is PRAISEWORTHY!
- 1:13-14:The Holy Spirit's down payment and guarantee of the new creation in Christ is PRAISEWORTHY!

- 2. IN THE HEAVENLIES (Eph. 1:3, 10, 20; 2:6; 3:10; 4:10; 6:9, 12):
- 1. The place believers are spiritually blessed by being united and identified with Christ, made participants of all Christ has because of His Crosswork, because we have been incorporated into His new humanity as members of His Body, the Body of Christ.
- 2. They receive all spiritual blessings there because that is where the ascended, exalted Christ is, and believers are there with Him.
- 3. Contrasted with the earthly realm which represents the believers experiential reality, IN THE HEAVENLIES refers to where the exalted Christ is now and in which believers share by being IN HIM.

## IN THE HEAVENLIES:

- 4. This is not the Heaven of God—the uncreated realm where the Triune Godhead resides eternally. This is part of the created realm will ultimately fall under the Lordship of Christ (Eph. 1:10). This is where Christ reigns as glorified God-Man, exercising universal rule over creation.
  - --There is going to be a MAN ruling the universe, the risen Lord Jesus Christ, and we are with Him, incorporated into His redeemed and righteous new humanity.

## IN THE HEAVENLIES:

- 5. God raised Christ, seated Him at His right hand there and gave Him ultimate authority and power over all angelic powers that exist in that same general region, including those evil powers whose sphere of influence includes the earth (Eph. 1:20-21; 2:2).
- 6. But Christ does not sit there alone. IN HIM, believers participate together with Him in His exaltation and dominion (2:5-6) not just in the future but NOW, displaying His abundant Grace and Wisdom through the preaching of PGMT (1:21; 2:6; 3:8-10).
- 7. Christ's triumph over these powers takes place as He passes through the regions they inhabit en route to His exalted position there to fulfill all things under His authority (4:10; 1:20-23).

## IN THE HEAVENLIES:

- 8. Just as evil spiritual powers there cast an influence over their own on earth (2:2), so too Christ casts His influence over His Own while they are on the earth (5:25; 6:9). They are in the Heavenlies, where Christ and believers are, their influence isn't limited to that but extends to the earth.
- 9. The evil spiritual powers there even cast an influence over believers, who being IN CHRIST in the Heavenlies, minister to Him now on earth, to get them to stop preaching PGMT (6:12-20) because it broadcasts God's Grace and Wisdom to them and declares their certain complete defeat.