



OUR CITIZENSHIP IS IN

HEAVEN

Philippians 3:17-20



Elisah's Reinforcements
2nd Kings 6



Daniel's Terrifying Vision

Daniel 10

In the Heavenly Places

Ephesians

Where Every Spiritual Blessing Is

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places” (Eph. 1:3)

- Not “Heaven” proper, but the whole of the spiritual realm
- We have access through our new life with Christ (Eph. 2:4-5)
- Every spiritual blessing is for the faithful “*in Christ*” (Eph. 1:1)
 - We are “*in Christ*” if we have been baptized into Christ
 - Romans 6:3-4; Galatians 3:26-27

Where Christ is Enthroned

“according to the working of His great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places” (Eph. 1:19-20)

- Christ is now ruling (Mark 16:19; Acts 2:33) as head over the church (Eph. 1:22) which is His kingdom (Col. 1:13)
 - His redemptive work complete – He received honor, glory and majesty
- Through His rule He is glorified (Lk. 24:26)
- Through His rule we have communion with Him (Lk. 22:15-16)

Where We Sit with Christ

“and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus” (Eph. 2:6)

- Raised us up with Him **(Rom. 6:5, 11; Col. 3:1; 2:12)**
- We share in His glory in the spiritual realm **(Rom. 8:16-17)**
 - ***“we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ...”***
- We are already alive in Christ and saved from our sins, but there is more to do, more spiritual battles to fight...

The Realm of Rulers and Authorities

*“so that through the church **the manifold wisdom of God** might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places” (Eph. 3:10)*

- Unseen spirits beyond this earthly, physical realm
 - Good (**1 Pet. 1:12**) and Bad (**6:12**)
- Wisdom in its great variety of forms revealed by the church
 - Not via evangelism, but by its design
- That one multi-ethnic body of all saved people (**Rev. 5:9-13**)

The Realm of Evil Spiritual Forces

“For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.” (Eph. 6:12)

- Where we wrestle
- We have an enemy that is unseen but real...
- Satan is working against us **(1 Pet. 5:8)**
 - He uses false teachers **(2 Cor. 11:13)** deceptive doctrines **(1 Tim. 4:1)** & false places of worship **(Rev. 2:9)**
- Why we need armor

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Are **you** in Christ?

