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E-votional 40

All Authority

Ephesians 1:20-23 (ESV),

that 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 rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Hallelujah! The Lamb of God has overcome!

Because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead He has been seated at the right hand of God in the heavenly places. When God rose Jesus from the dead He brought us the victory over sin and death. Something interesting about this is that He did this by defeating satan. This is further referenced in Colossians where the following verse mentions this,

Colossians 2:15 (ESV),

He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

Now authorities could mean the religious authorities of the time and in relation to those who put Jesus on the cross in the first place. To this, I definitely agree. But on a whole other level, we can take this passage to also mean rulers and authorities linked to powers of the evil one. Here is a reference for this.

Hebrews 2:14-15 (ESV),

Since, therefore, the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.

What does this mean for those who belong to the Lord then?

Well, let's take a look at the next passage.

Ephesians 2:6 (ESV),

and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus

In short, positionally speaking, since we have been born of God we are also in Christ and Christ is seated in the heavenly places. Again from a positional perspective of being in Christ, the next part would be that we are also of necessity above all the power of the enemy through Christ. Praise God!

The next passage illustrates this even further.

Luke 10:19 (ESV),

Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you.

Thank you, Jesus, for giving us Your victory in this life. We are truly blessed to know You and the power of Your resurrection. Through You, we can be more than conquerors. Therefore, we don't have to be defeated. Oh such a joyful thing for the people of God.

Lord, help us to realize that while yes, since our names are written in heaven there is great joy and for this, we do rejoice. But we also recognize that through You we don't have to be slaves to fear or any attempt of satan to steal, kill, or destroy. We can tread under foot all of his attempts and be victorious in You. Thank You, Father. In Jesus name. Amen.

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