

## Living from Above

**Overview:** When Jesus was raised from the dead by the power of the Spirit, God set Him at His right hand in heavenly places. When we were born again by the power of the Spirit, we were made alive in Christ and then raised up and seated with Christ in heavenly places. Our life in this physical realm of earth is to be lived from our real place of residence in heaven. When we lose our heavenly perspective and focus on what we see and understand in the natural sphere (even spiritual things), it sows confusion in our lives and opens the door to deception from the god of this world. We are designed to live in heaven while on earth.

### A. Our Position in Christ.

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| 1. Jesus is seated at God's right hand.               | Ps 110:1; Eph 1:20-23 |
| 2. We are seated with Christ.                         | Eph 2:6               |
| 3. Raised up to newness of life (in heavenly places). | Rom 6:3-5,11          |
| 4. If ye then be risen with Christ...                 | Col 3:1               |

### B. Living in Heaven while on Earth.

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| 1. Seek <u>those things</u> that are above where Christ sits...                      | Col 3:1             |
| 2. Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness.                              | Matt 6:33           |
| 3. Characteristics of God and of Heaven  |                     |
| a. Holiness  | Is 6:1-6; Rev 4:8   |
| b. Praise and worship.   | Rev 4:8-11; 5:12-14 |
| c. The foundation of His throne is righteousness and justice.                        | Ps 97:2             |
| d. From God comes lovingkindness, mercy, and faithfulness.                           | Ps 89:14            |
| e. God reveals His Glory as goodness, mercy, graciousness.                           | Ex 33:18-19; 34:5-8 |
| f. In His presence is fullness of joy and pleasures evermore.                        | Ps 16:11            |
| g. Mercy and truth are met together, righteousness and peace have kissed each other. | Ps 85:10            |
| h. Fear of the Lord, obedience, doing His will.                                      | Is 6:5-8            |
| i. Power, authority, Glory.  | Is 6:3-4            |

### C. Living on Earth as in Heaven.

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| 1. Set your affections on things above.                            | Col 3:2      |
| 2. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. | Matt 6:10    |
| 3. We are his workmanship created in Christ for good works.        | Eph 2:10     |
| 4. Press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling.        | Phil 3:12-14 |
| 5. Present our bodies as a living sacrifice.                       | Rom 12:1     |
| 6. Yield our members as instruments of righteousness.              | Rom 6:12-15  |
| 7. Know His will and walk worthy of the Lord.                      | Col 1:9-11   |
| 8. Become the glorious church without spot or wrinkle.             | Eph 5:26-27  |