

Who am I part 5  
I am alive unto God

Summery from last few weeks:

We are free from the Law.

We are free from Judgement.

We are no longer sinners, but saints.

The makeup of mankind, body soul spirit.

I have the nature of God not an evil nature.

I have been baptised into Christs death.

I have been circumcised by and with Jesus.

Jesus has been leading us somewhere. He has been at work in us for a reason. Preparing us for something.

Ephesians 1: 15-19 Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, 16 do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, 18 the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power

Question : What is the therefor therefor?

Another translation starts verse 15 with, "For this reason". What reason? What is the therefor therefor? By looking at the verses before verse 15, we can see the context of why Paul is praying for the church at Ephesus.

Ephesians 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,

**There is so much more for us to know.**

This is a list of some of these blessings mentioned in Ephesians chapter 1.

He chose us. Made us Holy and blameless. Adopted us. Accepted us. He redeemed us. He has forgiven us. Made His grace to abound towards us in giving us wisdom, moral and intellectual insight having made known to us the mystery of His will (the full gospel message) . He has gathered us together as one with Him. He has given us an inheritance. He has sealed us with His Holy Spirit. Has promised us and guaranteed us this inheritance.

But do we truly KNOW all this and walk in it?



## Christ's journey completed.

Ephesians 1: 19b That power is like the working of his mighty strength, 20which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, 21far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. 22And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, 23which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way..

The description of Christ's journey, from the grave to His ascension into heaven. He physically carried it out to the full. He was born into this world. Lived a sinless life. Died a sinner's death for us. He descended into the lower parts of the earth, namely hades. Then he ascended up into heaven, leading captivity captive. He is now seated in heaven in His resurrected spiritual body. We are not fully ascended yet as our bodies are still here. But we are in direct contact with Him by and through the Spirit.

## The spiritual reality of our present spiritual position.

Ephesians 2: 1As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, 2in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. 3All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. 4But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, 5made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions--it is by grace you have been saved.

Being baptised into Christ, we also have travelled this same journey with Christ. We were dead. Dead to God. Dead in our sins. Living according to our sinful desires and knowing nothing else. But God didn't leave us there.

Ephesians 2. 6 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,

Physically we are still here. But spiritually we are seated in heaven, living in Christ. (We are talking spiritual realms). Jesus is physically seated in heaven, but spiritually living and walking here on earth, in and through us.

Romans 6 : 5-11. 5 If we have been **united with him like this in his death**, we will certainly also be **united with him in his resurrection**. 6For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin-- 7because anyone who has died has been freed from sin. 8Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again;



death no longer has mastery over him. 10The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. 11 **Likewise you also**, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, **but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

### **Moving on from death and into life.**

Romans 6: 5If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection.

Most of us are still getting to grips with the fact that we have died with Christ. That's the negative aspect of salvation. The descended part of us that has been baptised into his death. This negative aspect makes us think about things like "I should not smoke, drink too much, use bad language, goto night clubs" etc. What about the positive aspect? "We may indeed be dead to sin, but we are also alive to God"? Remember the word united with Him. Fused together like bones being repaired.

1 Corinthians 6:16 **But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him.**

Righteous living is not something we are to achieve, it is something we are to receive. I will never be declared righteous by God because I live right. I will live right because I believe God declares I am already righteous.

Just as we are to learn to walk in freedom from sin, by applying this truth to ourselves by faith (give eg) so also we are to walk in a united experience of Christs resurrection life, a righteous lifestyle. IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT "NOT DOING THE BAD STUFF ANYMORE, BUT ALSO ABOUT ACTUALLY DOING THE GOOD STUFF INSTEAD.

### **Not living off the old stuff, but living off the new stuff.**

Pictured here with manna (old stuff) and the produce of the new land (new stuff)

Joshua 5: 10-14 10 On the evening of the fourteenth day of the month, while camped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, the Israelites celebrated the Passover. 11**The day after the Passover, that very day, they ate some of the produce of the land:** unleavened bread and roasted grain. 12**The manna stopped** the day after they ate this food from the land; there was no longer any manna for the Israelites, but that year they ate of the produce of Canaan. 13Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, "Are you for us or for our enemies?"

14"Neither," he replied, "but as commander of the army of the LORD I have now come." Then Joshua fell facedown to the ground in reverence, and asked him, "What message does my LordD have for his servant?" 15The commander of the LORD's army replied, "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy." And Joshua did so.



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It was the 14 day of the month. They started over the river on the 10th day. It was 4 days later that they held the passover meal. They were eating the lamb. Consuming the lamb. Christ in them. The passover represents the receiving of Christ. The indwelling Holy Spirit.

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### **Manna.**

When spoken of in old testament, it was described in four different ways,

Exodus 16:

They saw it. It looked like thin flakes of frost on the ground, and white like coriander seed.

They tasted it. It tasted like wafers with honey .

They touched it, picked it up, ground it, beat it and boiled it.

They smelt it. It rotted and stank if they kept it over night. It grew worms and became foul.

This manna came down from heaven. God supplied it to them in abundance. It kept them alive in the wilderness. God makes the sun to shine on the righteous and the unrighteous. He provides for us all without partiality. But there was one sense that the Israelites didn't use when it came to the manna of Gods provision. They could see it, touch it, taste it and smell it. But they didn't HEAR it. They had been living within the provision of Gods grace according to their physical senses but were unable to HEAR. They constantly rebelled against Gods word. They were earthly minded and not heavenly minded. They grumbled and complained about Gods miracle provision. Jesus said, "take heed to what you hear. For the measure you use ect ". Gods grace was keeping them alive, helping them to survive, but they were not able to enter into the promised land because they would not and could not HEAR.

**Testimony:** When I HEARD what the bible said about me, that I had authority over snakes and scorpions, meaning satans demons, and that I had authority over my own body and soul and that I didn't have to put up with evils spirits stirring up ungodly desires in me, trying to make me do what I did not want to do, I did something weird. I BELIEVED WHAT I HEARD AND PUT IT INTO PRACTICE.

### **They ate some of the produce of the promised land.**

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**Remember the passover:** The passover was symbolic of receiving Christ. The lamb of God was now a part of them. It was inside them.

They had received the Holy Spirit of Christ. They were in the promised land, symbolic of the new kingdom of heaven and all its promises.

**11 The day after the Passover, that very day.** The passover meal, the Spirit of Christ took them into the 5th day. The number 5 speaks of Gods grace.

**They were not eating Manna on the 5th day.** It was the produce of Gods promised land. they were living off something different. They were receiving the promise of Gods new kingdom. They were taking it in. Consuming it. It was becoming a part of them. On the 5th day, by grace they were being fed, provided for, nourished ect.

The manna represents THE OLD KINGDOM, THE OLD WAYS, THE OLD CREATION STILL CONNECTED TO THE LINE OF ADAM, their disobedience. Their rebellion, their complaining and grumbling, their inability to believe, receive and walk into what God had for them. Their inability to walk in the new kingdom, the "CHRISTIAN LIFE".

Look what happened next:

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After receiving the passover, the Holy Spirit of Christ, they ate THIS FOOD. The food of the 5th day. The food of Gods grace. The undeserved favour, the unmerited promise of God based upon the 5th day, Gods grace. When we start believing for Gods promises to come to pass not based upon our efforts to make them happen, but based upon His grace to bring them about, we will start to move further into the land He has prepared for us.

The Holy Spirit is not just at work in us to empower us to have victory over sin by walking in Christ death to sin, but He is also at work in us to empower us to walk in this newness of life, the resurrection power of God that Jesus is living in continually.

**The earthly becoming the heavenly, the natural becoming the spiritual.**

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Lord have for his servant?" 15The commander of the LORD's army replied, "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy." And Joshua did so.

After the passover meal which signifies receiving Christ's Spirit, the Holy Spirit and after eating of the new food of the land, tasting the promise of the Spirit, Joshua is walking towards Jericho which means Moon and represents that which is of the heavenly realm. Here he has his first personal encounter with Jesus (as some scholars believe but it's not really important for this teaching). Who is waiting for him on the path. Joshua is not looking for Him, he just comes across Him as he is going about his business. Joshua is having the eyes of his understanding enlightened. He is starting to see things differently. He is seeing things from a spiritual perspective. When we receive Christ, we enter into the Spirit. Our spiritual eyes are opened. The light of the Lord shines upon us and gives us eyes to see into the spiritual realm of life.

**Question: Is Joshua doing anything to make this happen?**

No. Jesus was there to reveal to Joshua the Spiritual realm in which he now walked. To guide him and instruct him. Jesus has been leading us somewhere. He has been at work in us for a reason. Preparing us for something.

Romans 6 : 4We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death **in order that**, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. 5 For If we have been united together in the likeness of his death, we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection.

**"In order that"**. There is reason and purpose to us being raised up with Jesus. So that we can walk in newness of life.

Not my will Lord, but your will be done. Joshua 5: 13Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, "Are you for us or for our enemies?" 14"Neither," he replied, "but as commander of the army of the LORD I have now come." Then Joshua fell facedown to the ground in reverence, and asked him, "What message does my Lord have for his servant?" 15The commander of the LORD's army replied, "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy." And Joshua did so.

Here we see Joshua submitting his will to that of God. Humbling himself under the mighty hand of God. Jesus wants to take us into an incredible journey with Him. Not just living free from bondage to sin and Satan, but to experience what it means to be Christ like in this world. Walking in freedom from sin, Satan, the flesh leaves us free to demonstrate the new power and life of the kingdom of God here on earth, by seeing people saved, healed, delivered and totally restored.

