

Living in the Heavenly
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If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven. **(John 3:12, 13 NKJV)**

It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will ascend into heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?' **(Deuteronomy 30:12 NKJV)**

But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down from above) or spell check

" 'Who will descend into the abyss? (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach):" **(Romans 10:6-8 NKJV)**

Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. **(Revelation 21:1-3 NKJV)**

Even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, **(Ephesians 2:5-6 NKJV)**

These are the spiritual counterparts of Christ's own quickening, resurrection and ascension to the right hand of the Father. This is a truth almost too glorious to believe! Each of the three principle verbs, *made alive*, *raised* and *seated*, are compound verbs beginning with the Greek prefix, 'soon' –

meaning *together with*. These verbs are single Greek verbs meaning, "*made-alive-together-with*," "*raised-together-with*," and "*made-to-sit-together-with*."

Each of these verbs are in the aorist form, so they speak of a living reality, secured in the past.

Even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ —by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, **(Ephesians 2:5-6 NRSV)**.

Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. **(I John 4:17 NKJV)**

But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter. **(Romans 7:6 KJV)**

We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not. **(1 John 5:18 KJV)**

Three reasons for Christ's death.

(1) That we might be dead to sin.

Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin. **(Romans 6:6, 7 KJV)**

Destroy means "to make useless, to annul, without effect".

Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God. **(1 Peter 4:1, 2 KJV)**

(2) That we might live unto righteousness.

For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. **(2 Corinthians 5:21 KJV)**

(3) That we might be healed.

Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. **(Luke 10:19 KJV)**

Power means "delegated authority". Trend means "absolute mastery over
Second power means "ability".

And behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high. **(Luke 24:49 KJV)**