

**Seated Together in Rest**  
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I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. **(Romans 12:1, 2 NKJV)**

Conformed means " to be squeezed into somebody else's mold. We are to be conformed into the image of Jesus.

For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. **(Romans 8:29 NKJV)**

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)**

This is possible because we are like God, holy, true, good, and pure in this world.

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, **(Titus 2:11, 12 NKJV)**

We can live victorious over the world, the flesh and the devil.

Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect. **(Matthew 5:48 NKJV)**

Perfect means " complete conformity to God's word.

But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. **(Romans 6:22 NKJV)**

Now in this present life men are free from sin in Christ.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. **(II Corinthians 5:17-19 NKJV)**

Which 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 principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all. **(Ephesians 1:20-23 NKJV)**

As Jesus is far above principality and power and dominion, and every name that is named, so are we.

And from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. **(Revelation 1:5, 6 NKJV)**

And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth.” **(Revelation 5:10 NKJV)**

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 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, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. **(Ephesians 2:4-7 NKJV)**

What does it mean to be seated together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus? It means today we are in a position of rest in Jesus' finished work. To be seated in Christ is to rest, trust In Him, and to receive everything our beautiful Savior has carried out on our behalf.

Stop asking yourself, "Am I accepted before Christ? " We should be asking, "Is Christ accepted before God."

Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved. **(Ephesians 1:4-6 NKJV)**

We need to take our eyes off ourselves and look to Jesus' finished work.

Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there. But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary. Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid." And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God." **(Matthew 14:22-33 NKJV)**

As Peter kept his eyes on Jesus, he did the impossible, he walked on the water. Jesus was walking on the water and when Peter looked at Jesus, he became like Jesus and did the supernatural.

But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord. **(II Corinthians 3:18 NKJV)**

Beholding means "looking". Transformed means "to change the form".

Beloved, as Jesus is, so are you in world. When you look on Jesus, you are transformed into His image from glory to glory. You are transformed by looking, not by working.

Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. **(Hebrews 12:2 NKJV)**

When you see that Jesus is above the storms of your life, you will effortlessly rise above the storms of your life.