

## *The Message Notes*

**Series:** Saved to Serve God

**Message:** *Our Status in Christ*

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**Text:** Ephesians 2:4-7 (NKJV)

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**Objective:** to understand our salvation in Christ comes along with doing good works to accomplish God's eternal plan.

**Principle:** The way we **see** our **identity in Christ** is the **way we follow Christ** and **do good works**.

**Application:** Our **identity** in Christ, along with the Scriptures, will continually confront our character, race, gender, status, and the values of our culture.

### **Message #1. Our Status in Christ – verses 4-7**

1. **v4.** But God, who is rich in **mercy**, because of His great **love** with which He loved us, **v5.** even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by **grace** you have been saved),

a) Name the **three attributes** of God that saved us in Christ? God, who is rich in \_\_\_\_\_, because of His great \_\_\_\_\_ with which He loved us, **v5.** even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by \_\_\_\_\_ you have been saved),

b) Name at least **four things** God has done for us in Christ according to Ephesians 1:1-14: \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. **v5.** even when we were **dead in trespasses**, made us **alive together with Christ** (by grace you have been saved), **v6.** and **raised us up together**, and **made us sit together** in the **heavenly places** in Christ Jesus,

a) Define our **status** in Christ: We're made \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ, \_\_\_\_\_ with Him and \_\_\_\_\_ with Him in heavenly places."

b) Define what it means to be blessed with all spiritual blessing in heavenly places in actual practice: Reference: Ephesians 1:3 \_\_\_\_\_  
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c) Define what it means in our relationship with God we were dead in trespasses (sins): \_\_\_\_\_

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d) Would you consider yourself a spiritual person or an unspiritual person in actual practice? Reference: I Corinthians 2:14

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e) Name three ways that help you understand what the Spirit means in actual practice:

1) We must pray to \_\_\_\_\_ spiritual realities:

References: Ephesians 1:16-20, Psalms 119:18

2) We must set our \_\_\_\_\_ on spiritual realities:

Reference: Colossians 3:1-4

3) We must renew our \_\_\_\_\_ to spiritual realities:

Reference: Romans 12:2

3. **v.7.** that in the **ages to come** He might **show** the exceeding **riches** of His **grace** in His **kindness** toward us in Christ Jesus.

a) Name the purpose for God saving us according to verse 7. \_\_\_\_\_

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b) How should you live today, in response to God's purpose of putting you on display to angels and humanity of His grace and kindness toward you?

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**Takeaway:** Our **Status** in Christ: We're **spiritually united** with Christ and **seated** with Him in the heavenly realms -- A place of **honor, divine authority** and from where all our **spiritual blessings** are available to us through Christ.