

THE RELATIONSHIP OF GOD THE FATHER TO THE BELIEVER IN THE RIGHT HAND

The Father's View of the Christian in His Right Hand

Introduction

- A. God's Perspective from His Nature and Essence
 - 1. God Fills the Heavens (pl.) and the Earth – Jer. 23:23, 24
 - 2. The Heavens of the Heavens Cannot Contain God – 1 Ki. 8:27
 - 3. God Inhabits Eternity – Isa. 57:15
 - 4. God Transcends Time – Psa. 90:2
 - 5. All Three Persons Share the Same Essence, Attributes and Nature
- B. The Provision of the Throne for the Godhead in the Third Heaven
 - 1. The Arrangements for Divine Residence for Immense Persons
 - 2. The Availability of Access to the Persons of the Godhead
 - a. By Spirit Beings
 - b. By Christians (Some Human Beings)
 - 3. The Appearance of a Three-Seated Throne
 - a. Occupied by Divine Plan
 - b. Occupied by One to Three Divine Persons
- C. God's Program for Christians in Christ Jesus
 - 1. The Divine Assumptions Relating to Imputation
 - a. Reality → Because He Says So
 - b. Actuality → Because He Sees It as So
 - c. Reality and Actuality Are the Same Thing with God
 - 2. The Divine Arrangement for the Christian in Christ Jesus
 - a. Position → Imputed Reality
 - b. Possessions → Imputed and Applied Actuality

- D. God's Placement of the Christian in the Right Hand
 - 1. By the Immersion (Baptism) of the Holy Spirit at Salvation

 - 2. In Christ Jesus → in Him Where He Is Seated
 - a. Immediacy

 - b. Accessibility → Direct

I. THE FATHER SEES THE CHRISTIAN AT HIS RIGHT HAND IN THE PERSON OF HIS OR HER SUBSTITUTE – IDENTIFIED IN CHRIST'S SUBSTITUTIONARY WORK

- A. The Father Looks to His Right and Sees the Believer as Having Died with Christ – Rom. 6:8; Gal. 2:20; Col. 2:20
 - 1. The Father Is Satisfied – Believer Is Not Counted to Have a Sin Nature – Propitiation

 - 2. The Father No Longer Declares the Believer to Be an Enemy – Reconciliation

 - 3. The Father Sees the Price as Paid for Adamic Sin Guilt – Redemption

 - 4. The Father Declares the Christian to Be Righteous – Justification

- B. The Father Looks to His Right and Sees the Believer as Buried Together with Christ – Rom. 4:4, 5

- C. The Father Looks to His Right and Sees the Believer as Having Been Made Alive Together with Christ – Eph. 2:5; Col. 2:13

- D. The Father Looks to His Right and Sees the Believer as Having Been Raised Together with Christ – Col. 3:1, 2; 2:12

II. THE FATHER SEES THE CHRISTIAN AT HIS RIGHT HAND AS BEING HIGHLY FAVORED IN THE ONE WHO IS BEING LOVED – IDENTIFIED AS A RECIPIENT OF GRACE IN THE STATE OF HAVING BEEN LOVED IN CHRIST – Eph. 1:6

- A. The Father Looks to His Right and Sees the Believer as Having Been Placed as a Mature Son – Eph. 1:5

- B. The Father Looks to His Right and Sees the Believer as Having Been Highly Favored or Graced – Eph. 1:6

- C. The Father Looks to His Right and Sees the Believer as Having Been in the State of Sharing with the One Who Has Been Loved – Eph. 1:6

III. THE FATHER SEES THE CHRISTIAN AT HIS RIGHT HAND AS NEAR TO HIMSELF – IDENTIFIED AS NEAR AS GOD THE SON IS AT THE RIGHT HAND – Ephesians 2:13

- A. Before the Father Saw the Unbeliever Being Far Away – Eph. 2:13
 - 1. Existing as Aliens from the House of Israel
 - 2. Existing as Strangers from the Covenants of Promise
 - 3. Existing as Having No Hope
 - 4. Existing without God in the World
- B. Now the Father Looks to His Right and Sees the Believer as Having Become a Near One by the Blood of Christ

IV. THE FATHER SEES THE CHRISTIAN AT HIS RIGHT HAND AS COMPLETE IN CHRIST – IDENTIFIED AS SHARING IN THE FULLNESS IN CHRIST – Col. 2:9, 10; Jn. 17:20-24

- A. The Fullness Is at Home in Christ – Col. 2:9
- B. In Christ the Christian Is in a State of Being Complete – Col. 2:10
- C. Now the Father Looks to His Right and Sees the Believer as Sharing in the Fullness

V. THE FATHER SEES THE CHRISTIAN AT HIS RIGHT HAND AS TOGETHER WITH CHRIST AND ONE ANOTHER IN A ONENESS – IDENTIFIED AS A UNITY TOGETHER WITH CHRIST

A. Now the Father Looks to His Right and Sees the Believer as One – Jn. 17:21-24
That they all may be one; as thou, Father, *art* in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. ²² And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: ²³ I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me. ²⁴ Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.

B. Now the Father Looks to His Right and Sees the Believer as a Part of One Body – Rom. 12:4, 5
For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: ⁵ So we, *being* many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

C. Now the Father Looks to His Right and Sees the Believer as One in Christ – Gal. 3:28
There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

D. Now the Father Looks to His Right and Sees the Believer as Having Been Called in One
– Col. 3:15

And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

E. Now the Father Looks to His Right and Sees the Believer as the Possessor of All Spiritual Blessings in the Heavens – Eph. 1:3

Blessed *is* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly *places* in Christ:

Conclusion

- A The Contradiction of Time and Space with the Character of the Godhead
- B. The Creation of Three Heavens as an Accommodation for Created Beings
- C. The Congregating of Some Created Beings in the Third Heaven
 - 1. Spirit Beings
 - 2. Christians = Grace Believers (Cross to Rapture)
- D. The Counting of Christians to Exist in Christ at the Right Hand of God the Father
 - 1. Position
 - 2. Possessions
- E. The Closeness Imputed to the Believer at the Right Hand of God the Father