

Access to the Father Through Jesus



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“Because I live, you will live also. At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you” (John 14:19-20). We are now living in “that day” Jesus speaks of; in short, we are to understand our heavenly position in Christ. Of course, most of us know our position in him — that we are seated with him in heavenly places — but only as a theological fact. We know it as an experience.

What is meant by “our position in Christ”? Very simply, position is where one is placed, where one is. God has placed us where we are, which is in Christ. In turn, Christ is in the Father, seated at his right hand. Therefore, if we’re in Christ, then we are actually seated with Jesus in the throne room, where he is. That means we’re sitting in the presence of the Almighty.

This is what Paul refers to when he says we are made to “sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus” (Ephesians 2:6). This isn’t something you can attain, it’s what God says of you. If you’re in Christ, then in the Father’s eyes you’re seated near him, at his right hand.

The moment you place your trust in Jesus, you’re taken into Christ by faith. God acknowledges you in his Son and seats you with him in the heavenlies. This isn’t merely some theological point but a truth, a factual position. Of course, being “in Christ” doesn’t mean you leave this earth. You can’t manufacture some emotion or feeling that takes you up into a literal heaven. No, heaven has come down to you. Christ the Son and God the Father came into your heart and made their abode there: “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him” (John 14:23).

Yes, Jesus is in paradise, and his Spirit moves over all the earth. But the Lord himself abides in you and me specifically. He has made us his temple on the earth, his dwelling place, which means we have unimpeded access to the heavenly Father. “For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father” (Ephesians 2:18). “We have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him” (3:12).

Your heavenly Father rejoices over you, so leave your worldly pursuits behind and take your position in Christ today!

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