

# Themes from Ephesians

Union with Christ

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“<sup>4</sup> But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), <sup>6</sup> and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly {places} in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> in order that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.”

## John 15:4-5

“<sup>4</sup> Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, so neither {can} you, unless you abide in Me. <sup>5</sup> I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing.”

## **John 17:22-23**

“<sup>22</sup> And the glory which Thou hast given Me I have given to them; that they may be one, just as We are one; <sup>23</sup> I in them, and Thou in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, that the world may know that Thou didst send Me, and didst love them, even as Thou didst love Me.”

“Made alive together”

in Verse 5 is a coined phrase.

“Raised us up with Him”

in verse 6 is another coined phrase.

“Seated with God in the heavenly places  
in Christ Jesus”

is another coined phrase also in Verse 6.

Paul makes up three phrases to describe our position in Christ.

MADE ALIVE

RAISED UP

SEATED WITH GOD



“Made us alive together with Christ” in verse 5 means that we were experientially and spiritually dead and that we now live because of our union with Christ.

“Raised us up with Him” means that we are creatures of the heavenlies, who are not bound by what we see, smell, taste and touch. Our environment is different.

“Seated with God in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus” means that we have been transferred alienation to be by His side.