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A New Position

(Ephesians 2:4-6) 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 heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

- 1) In the beginning God positioned man to rule in the earth.

(Genesis 1:28) Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

- 2) When man sinned, he became "out of position".

(Genesis 3:16-19) To the woman He said: "I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you." Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it': "Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life. Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, and you shall eat of the herb of the field. In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for dust you are, and to dust you shall return.

(1 Corinthians 2:14) But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

3) Jesus made a way for man to be re-positioned.

The mystery!

- Christ is in you.

*(Colossians 1:26-27) **The mystery** which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints, to them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of Glory.*

- You in Christ.

*(2 Corinthians 5:17) Therefore, if anyone is **in Christ**, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.*

4) This new position is even higher than the position that Adam and Eve had in the garden!

(Ephesians 2:6) And raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

(Ephesians 1:21-22) 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...

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