

*Hello! This is Dorothy -*

I want to talk to you about the believer's position in grace. The **Book of Joshua**, which we have been reading over these last few days is, in the Old Testament, what the **Book of Ephesians** is in the New Testament. In fact, if you want to read **Joshua**, do be sure and read **Ephesians** at the same time. I want to show you how dynamic is the Scripture in **Ephesians 1 verse 3**. This is a Scripture actually, which God used in my life as a young believer many years ago.

**3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.** Now the word here, *places*, can be misleading. The *heavenlies* may be defined as the sphere of the believer's spiritual experience as identified with Christ.

How could this happen? Well, first of all, it is as identified with Christ in nature. In the **Book of 2 Peter 1**, we read -

**4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.** Did you get this? This is our position in Christ. This means in our very nature, we have been lifted out of this world and

all the lust and the hold of corruption that grabbed us in whatever our story was that made us just a stooge for Satan, as it were. Totally now, by these divine promises, He is doing this exceeding great and wonderful work. His very divine nature is being outworked in our life and we give Him praise, because He is the only One who can live the Christian life. That means that we are in a position that we have, in the heavenlies, been placed in Him for Him to do that work through us. Are you willing for God to do this in your life?

But also, we can be identified with Christ in life. In **Colossians 3**, we read in **verse 4** – **When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.** In other words the Scriptures are saying: Christ is my life! If I love Jesus, He is my life. So you say, “Well, what about my life?” Well, you see, there is no room for your life and His life; it is His life now. That is the whole idea of going over Jordan as we are seeing in the **Book of Joshua**.

In **1 John 5**, we read in **verse 12** -- **He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.**

Now you might be listening today and you might say, “I don’t know anything about this life.” The marvelous thing is that you can know. Just please communicate with us here at the studio. We want to help you. We have Scriptures and books available that will bring you into life in Christ. Life is in His Son and His Son can come

into your life. When He comes into your life, then you have His life. This is how wonderful it is that we are totally revolutionalized and changed within. In fact, we become new creatures - that is how the Bible describes it.

But also, we can be identified with Christ in our relationships. In **John 20 verse 17**, Jesus said to a lady He had loved and known with His disciples, *Don't touch Me - Touch me not . . .* You see, He had just gone through crucifixion and burial. He had descended into Hell. He had absolutely seen a miracle of bringing the waiting Old Testament saints from Paradise up to Heaven. He is saying -  
**17 Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say to them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father, and to my God and your God.**

We can have a relationship that we can be called His brother. "Well," you say, "how can you be a sister and be a brother?" You can be in the brethren of our Lord. Also, He is your God. Isn't it amazing? He is your Father. That is how He sees us! He does not see us way down there at the bottom of the pile and just a nobody out there. No, we have been purchased by His precious Blood and we are very important to Him. He loves us and He wants to be everything to us. He wants us close to His heart. He needs to be able to speak to our ears that we can speak with our voices back to Him. He is wanting us to be in that intimate relationship. It says in **Hebrews 2:11** in

an amazing verse -

**11 For both he that sanctifieth - that is, sets apart - and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren.** He is not ashamed to call you his child. Are you ashamed to own him? Are you ashamed to say, "He is my life; He is everything that I am, everything I hope for?" Nothing matters but that He should have first place.

Are you willing to do that right now? Are you willing to understand the purpose of "being saved," is that He should be your life and He should do the work through you? Give Him all the praise for what He is going to do. And love Him with all your heart.

*In Jesus' Name. Amen.*