# SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS. Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Pastor Audie Clairmont

## **Ephesians 1:3**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, <u>who has</u> <u>blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in</u> Christ.

## **Ephesians 1:3-Passion**

3 <u>Everything heaven contains has already been lavished upon us</u> <u>as a love gift from our wonderful heavenly Father</u>, the Father of our Lord Jesus—all because he sees us wrapped into Christ. This is why we celebrate him with all our hearts!

First, the Father <u>already has blessed us</u>.

Second, He has blessed us with every spiritual blessing

Third, this inheritance is accessed in "heavenly places in Christ."

## Ephesians 2:4-6

But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in sins, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and <u>He raised</u> us up and seated us together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

### Matthew. 18: 20-KJV

20 Where two or three are assembled in My Name, there I am in their midst.

**Ephesians 2:4-6-Passion** - 4 But God still loved us <u>with such great</u> <u>love</u>. He is so rich in compassion and mercy.

5 <u>Even when we were</u> dead and doomed in our many sins, he united us into the very life of Christ and saved us by his wonderful grace!

6 <u>He raised us up with Christ</u> the exalted One, and <u>we ascended</u> <u>with him into the glorious perfection and authority of the</u> <u>heavenly realm</u>, for we are now co-seated as one with Christ!

Our God has "made us alive" together with the Messiah.

- When we identify with Him in *His <u>resurrection</u>*, we are resurrected from the death-dealing <u>effects of sin.</u>
- When we identify with Him in *His ascension*, we *ascend in our spirits* into heavenly places.
- When we identify with Him in *His enthronement* (His dominion, authority, rest, and victory over all things), we are *enthroned with Him* on high.

#### Colossians 3:1-Passion

<u>Christ's resurrection is your resurrection too.</u> This is why we are to yearn <u>for all that is above</u>, for that's where <u>Christ sits enthroned at the place of all power, honor, and authority!</u>

2 Yes, <u>feast on all the treasures of the heavenly realm</u> and <u>fill your</u> thoughts with heavenly realities, and <u>not with the distractions of</u> the natural realm.

**Psalm 68: 18** prophesied in advance that when the Messiah "ascended on high," He would lead "captivity captive."