

# The Greatest Reason To Give Thanks

*"If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God." Colossians 3:1, ESV*

In Ephesians 2 we see the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

## The Past: Remembering Where We Once Were

- A. Numbers 11:4-6 – They complained about the \_\_\_\_\_, but had they forgotten they were \_\_\_\_\_ in Egypt?
- B. Ephesians 2 – Before Christ came into our lives:
  - 1. 2:1,5 – We were \_\_\_\_\_ in trespasses and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2. 2:2 – We followed the \_\_\_\_\_ of the power of the \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ . (We don't have to be deceived!)
  - 3. 2 Corinthians 4:4 – He is the \_\_\_\_\_ of this \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 4. 2:3 – The \_\_\_\_\_ of our flesh and the \_\_\_\_\_ of the body lead us to become children of \_\_\_\_\_.

## The Present: Seeing What We Now Have In Christ

- A. The manna they were given was \_\_\_\_\_, and they didn't have to \_\_\_\_\_ for it. It was an act of God's \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Ephesians 2 - What we now have in Christ:
  - 1. 2:4,5 – It all begins with \_\_\_\_\_, and His \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2. 2:6 – After making us \_\_\_\_\_ He \_\_\_\_\_ us up and \_\_\_\_\_ us in \_\_\_\_\_ places.
  - 3. Colossians 3:1 – Seek the things that are \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 4. 2:10 – We are now God's \_\_\_\_\_, a skillful work of a \_\_\_\_\_. We have a purpose.
  - 5. 2:19 – We're members of God's \_\_\_\_\_.

## The Future: Seeing That Much More Is To Come

- A. In the wilderness Israel was under \_\_\_\_\_'s \_\_\_\_\_. But they needed to remember the \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ lay ahead.
- B. What lies ahead for Christians:
  - 1. 2:7 – His riches toward us are \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2. 1:18,19 – Our inheritance will be \_\_\_\_\_, far greater than we can \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 3. 3:8 – The riches in \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_.

Ephesians 1:3 - \_\_\_\_\_ is the greatest reason to give thanks!

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