

Eph. 2:1-9 [read these 8 vv.]

Here God describes the condition of one lost in sin and points out the wonders of salvation through Christ. All of us were dead in transgressions and sins. We deserve nothing good at God's hand, but God sent His Son Jesus Christ to die for our sins and God brought us to Him, showed us our lost condition, showed us our need of salvation and brought us to deliverance through Jesus Christ. How wonderful it is to have been saved from sin through Him. It is His grace alone that has accomplished this. He has seated us with Christ in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus. How wonderful it is to be one of those whom God has called out from the wickedness of this world, whom God has redeemed through the wonderful love of Christ, has applied to us the merits of Jesus' death on the cross and given us an entrance into His kingdom.

We are indeed even now seated in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus. If this is so, how wonderful this is. How wonderful it will be when we are not merely in our spiritual being seated with him in the heavenly realm, but actually there. Actually no longer tied to the weakness of sinful flesh but seated with our Lord Jesus Christ in the heavenly kingdom. What a wonderful time that will be.

Our generation has put what seems to me to be a tremendously exaggerated emphasis on the keeping of people in this world, slowing up the time when they will actually see Jesus Christ as He is and be with the Lord forevermore. People talk a great deal about saving a life. You can't save a life. You can extend it a little perhaps, but every life on this earth will come to an end at least ~~omxx~~ until our Lord Jesus Christ comes back. No one == These fleshly bodies are made only for a brief time. What should we sorrow at death? Should we not rather rejoice when a loved one goes to partake of that which is far better than anything we can have in this life. Now we have the shadow. Then we will have the reality.