

Relationships 1

Walking in the Heavenly Realm

Text: 2 Cor 5:1-8

5:1 For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

2 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven,

3 if indeed, having been clothed, we shall not be found naked.

4 For we who are in this tent groan, **being burdened**, not because we want to be unclothed, but further clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by life.

5 Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

6 So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord.

7 For we walk by faith, not by sight.

8 We are confident, yes, **well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.**

Introduction:

As we walk in this Christian Journey, we must be reminded that we are Spiritual Creatures, destined for a Spiritual House.

The text says we groan, being burdened, looking forward to put on immortality. As we grow spiritually, this desire in us begins to grow, those who do not look forward to this in their walk, are those who are still enjoying the flesh.

Heb 11:16

But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country.

Our desire is to be present with the Lord, to be out of this flesh and in our new spiritual body. But in the midst of our journey we have a tendency to forget our final and eternal destination. In other words it gets better than this.

This morning I'm going to remind you about a realm that we are commanded to walk and operate in. Remember we are spiritual creatures, building and establishing a spiritual kingdom.

Ref: Phil 3:20

For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

Point One: The Heavenly Realm

As we look through the scriptures and the encouragement of the apostles there is a recurring realm that we are expected to walk in...

Paul refers to it as..."Walking in the Spirit", John the beloved refers to it as "In the Spirit" on the Lord's Day.

This is not talking about walking in our "spirit man", but walking and functioning in the Realm of the Holy Spirit.

Also, Paul refers to this realm as "Heavenly"...

Eph 6:12

12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

The position of Christ -

Eph 1:20-21

20 which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places,

21 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.

Our Position with Christ -

Eph 2:6

6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the **heavenly places** in Christ Jesus,

We are to function in this realm, above spiritual wickedness and powers against us. The Term “Sit” means a place of dwelling and authority. Not a spiritual couch potato.

Rom 16:19-20

19 For your obedience has become known to all. Therefore I am glad on your behalf; but I want you to be wise in what is good, and simple concerning evil.

20 And the **God of peace** will **crush Satan under your feet shortly**. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

Peace – Harmony with God, because we sit in the courts and know by the Spirit what’s going on.

This realm is above the realm of the enemy, and if we stay in this realm, Soon Christ will crush the enemy underneath our feet.

Point Two: Entering in this realm

We must understand that the realm of the Spirit is not something that engulfs every believer, but every believer is to seek to enter in. It is a daily choice of what realm we choose to function in, and when we choose what realm, then that realm will effect our disposition, our decision process, and even our emotions and attitude.

Entering In...

Col 3:1-5

3:1 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.

2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

4 When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

We are to SEEK those things which are above...

Ps 16:11

You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Rom 8:6

For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

2 Cor 4:18

while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

Point Three: Functioning in this realm

After we have sought, and knocked and it was opened unto us, then we are to function in this realm, because if we don't then we will function in the Flesh, and we know that the flesh is a MESS.

Gal 5:16-17

16 I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.

1). We love in this realm

Rom 5:5

Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

Because the Holy Spirit has poured this love in hearts we are able to love God, and love each other.

2). We are able to Forgive in this realm –

Forgiveness is divine, the only way our flesh can deal with things is that we just “Forget about it” but then when we are reminded we are in the pit once again. Forgiveness is an ability of the Holy Spirit, and Because we choose to walk in this realm we can operate above the wiles of the devil.

2 Cor 2:10-11

10 Now whom you forgive anything, I also forgive. For if indeed I have forgiven anything, I have forgiven that one for your sakes **in the presence of Christ,**

11 lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.

Oh, to function in the Presence of Christ...Spirit of God RISE within ME!

Jude 18-19

18 how they told you that there would be mockers in the last time who would walk according to their own ungodly lusts.

19 These are sensual persons, who cause divisions, **not having the Spirit.**

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Many try to spiritualize on division, when in reality it was a FLESH AFFAIR.

It's the flesh divides relationship among the household of Faith, but it the Spirit and those who are willing to function in this realm that keeps us together.

1 Peter 1:22

22 Since you have purified your souls in **obeying the truth through the Spirit** in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart,

When we choose to walk in this realm, we walk in a realm in which we cannot be manipulated by the enemy, we live ABOVE no UNDER.

3). We are taught in this realm.

Rev 4:1-2

4:1 After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, "**Come up here**, and I will show you things which must take place after this." 2 Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne.

Rev 2:29

29 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." '

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