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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

***Eph. 2:4-7 But because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages He might show the incomparable riches of His grace, expressed in His kindness to us in Christ Jesus. (NIV)***

What a wonderful declaration we have in this passage today. But God, because of His great love for us, and because of the fact that He will never run out of His grace, He has made us alive. What an amazing picture of real and abundant life. Without Christ, we would be dead in our trespasses and sin. But with Him, we are alive! We can experience the real and beautiful life that the Savior has purchased for us.

Now we need to realize how God sees us. He no longer sees us as sinful souls. He sees us as redeemed and already seated with Christ in the heavenly realms. This picture of being seated, means that we have already been formally given a place in His banquet hall and we cannot ever lose our place. And even better than that, we can now see that time has no restraint on the Maker of all time. He operates outside of the 'time bubble' that He created. It has absolutely no control over Him, since He is the One Who made and controls it.

We must begin seeing ourselves as He sees us. We are already seated in the heavenly realms. I am no longer bound by my own selfishness and sinfulness. I am redeemed. When I see myself in this condition, it spurs me on toward what the LORD has in store for me. I am His. I am clean and made whole. I can choose to not sin. I can honor Him with my thoughts, my words, my actions. I can choose to receive His unconditional love into my life consistently. What a change this makes in our perspective. See yourself as He sees you. You are clean, whole and complete. He has done this. It is already done. Now, let us walk therein.

**Dear LORD, Your incomparable grace is amazing. You have done this for us. You have completed a work in us so that we can walk in You. Praise You LORD! In Jesus Name, Amen**