



# THE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM POWER ON SWITCH OF PRAYER

*“15 Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, 16 Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; 17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: 18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, 19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, 20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own 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 world, but also in that which is to come: 22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, 23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.”*

- Ephesians 1:15-23

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When you trust Christ for the forgiveness of sins, you are now on your way to heaven. He says, "I want to be Lord while you are living and when you are dead. I do not want to just be Lord when it comes time to go to heaven."

I want to be Lord on your way there. When you submit to the Lordship or the rulership of Jesus Christ over every area of your life, that's when heaven can visit you. Our series has been called Igniting Kingdom Prayer.

With your spiritually endowed authority granted to you by God, if you are a believer in Jesus Christ. But far too many of us, we do not see clearly because we do not understand that it is our shaded view that is keeping us from experiencing what God offers.

God wants you and me to have kingdom authority. Kingdom authority is the divinely authorized right and responsibility that's been delegated to believers to act on God's behalf in spiritually ruling over his creation underneath the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Christians who are not walking in authority are not seeing clearly.

Paul says, I pray that your eyes might be opened. I pray that you might start seeing things clearly. My purpose with this document is to clarify our sight line.

To clarify and hopefully help us to clean the glasses we're wearing and if necessary, get new ones. So that we see things clearly and therefore enter prayer with spiritual authority. In Ephesians 1:15-18, Paul prays that they will apprehend what they have.

He says in verse 17 that God will give you a spirit of wisdom, a spirit of revelation. He prays in verse 18 that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened. All that means is so that you start seeing things as they really are and not as you think they are.

He wants God to clarify. So, I want you to whisper in your mind or with your lips as you are reading this document, I simply want you to ask God to help you see that the eyes of your heart might be illuminated to see clearly what this authority that you possess, I possess, we

possess as believers. In fact, he uses an interesting word in the end of verse 18 which are the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints.

So, I am here to declare to you, you are rich. He says I want you to understand how rich you are in the spiritual realm that you have inherited by virtue of your faith in Jesus Christ. There is not a poor person here spiritually as far as your inheritance is concerned.

So, if we are spiritually poor, we don't know how to withdraw because he says I want you to see how rich you are spiritually speaking. Now I know as a Christian, your major concern is going from hell to heaven safely. I know as a Christian, your major concern is when you die, you will wind up in the presence of the Lord.

However, on your way there, God wants you to know there are riches, rights, and privileges that you can benefit from on your way to your ultimate destination. Paul says, I don't want you to go to heaven to see how powerful heaven is. I want you to be enlightened now about the rights and privileges that accrue to you and me and us based on our relationship with Jesus Christ.

What God wants you to know, me to know, and us to know, that there is more in there to be experienced, not just to be held in your hand, but to be experienced. He says, "I pray that your eyes might be enlightened. But our problem is we've got fog on our glasses."

It's like pesticides being put on fruit and vegetables. When you put pesticides on the fruit and vegetables, that which was designed to be organic has now become chemically induced, producing another kind of problem no matter how good it tastes. Many of us have put pesticide on what God has for us.

And it's contaminated it. That pesticide is called human wisdom. That is man's point of view, the human way to go, the natural way to think.

And we have sprinkled pesticide on God's organic truth and wonder why we're spiritually sick even though we're still chewing on the Word. Because it's been contaminated by what the Bible calls the wisdom of man, which nullifies the manifestation, illumination, and

revelation of God. He says, I pray that your eyes would be opened, that you will become wise, that you would become knowledgeable in an experiential way of what God wants to do.

Because you already have the riches. In fact, he says in chapter 1, verse 3, you have already been blessed with all spiritual blessings. Everything God is ever going to do for you, He is already deposited.

So, you already have it. Many of us are going all over the place looking for answers. Many of us are spending a lot of time and a lot of money trying to fix stuff.

When God wants you to know what you're looking for, you already have in heavenly places. So, He wants your eyes to be opened. He wants my eyes to be opened.

He wants our eyes to be opened. Why? Because if you don't have spiritually clear sight, God is doing stuff that you don't see. Because it's been clouded over by the human approach to life, by secular thinking and human wisdom.

Now, having established what He's praying for, what you and I should be praying for, clear glasses so that we can see, He goes a little bit further. What does He want us to see? Well, He says, verse 19, what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe? So, guess what? He wants you to see. He wants you to see His power.

He wants you not to talk about it, brag about it. He wants you to see it. He doesn't want you just saying God is omnipotent.

He wants you to see it. He says that I'm praying that you'll see the surpassing greatness. Blow your mind power toward us who believe.

These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might. He says God wants to show you His muscles. God wants to show you His potency.

God wants you to experience His power. So, before I go any further, let me make this clear. If we're not experiencing His power, it's because we're not wearing the right glasses.

He prays that your eyes might be enlightened so you will see His power. God's power could be working all around you, but you never see it because you're looking through wrong bifocals. He says, pray that your eyes will be open to see the surpassing greatness of His power.

So, He doesn't just want you to see His power. He wants you to see Him show off His power, demonstrate His power, not just theologize about His power. Well, how big is this power? Well, He tells you, which verse 20, He brought about in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in heavenly places, far above rule, authority, power, and dominion, every name that is named, not only in this age, but in the age to come.

Wow. Guess what kind of power God wants you and me as believers, if you're a believer, this applies to you, to experience in your life. He wants you to experience, here it is, resurrection power.

He says it's the power that raised Christ from the dead. Jesus died on Friday, was raised on Sunday by the power of God in His physical frame. He was always alive spiritually, but on Sunday, He arose physically from physical death.

So, we're talking about a physical death and a physical life. So watch this. What does resurrection power demonstrate? Here it is.

Resurrection power demonstrates a reversal of fortune. If you're dead one day, and if you're alive two days later, that's a reversal of fortune. That's 180 degrees turn from how things were and how things are.

What kind of power does God want you to see? He wants you to see the power that reverses things, that can take things that are dead and make them alive, take things that are bad and make them good, take defeat and make victory, take loss and wind up with gain. He wants you to see, watch this, that He can change the natural order of things. Resurrection is changing the natural order of things.

Now, that's going to happen to you and me physically like it happened to Jesus when we're given our new bodies at the resurrection. But He's not talking about when believers die. He's talking about while we're still alive.

He says, "I want you to see it now. I want you to put on glasses so that you get to see resurrection power." Now, let's go a little deeper.

When He raised Jesus from the dead, it says that Jesus being raised, seated Him at His right hand in heavenly places.

Then He ascended 40 days later through the clouds into heaven, where He sat down. The Bible says He sat down on the right hand of the Father. The Father's right hand is His power hand, okay? When the Bible talks about the right hand of God, it's talking about His power.

So, He sat in the seat of power. Hebrews calls it the throne. He's sitting in a powerful seat on a powerful throne because He's a powerful person.

So now the reversal of fortune from Friday to Sunday led to the ascension, which led to Him being seated on a throne. Who sits on a throne? A king sits on a throne. So, Jesus Christ is ruling.

Stay with me here. Jesus Christ is in a ruling position, having experienced the physical resurrection from the dead. But where exactly is this throne? He tells you. He says this throne is located in heavenly places. Heavenly places are a euphemism for the spiritual realm. When the Bible says heavenly places, it's talking about the spiritual realm.

Paul uses this phrase a lot in Ephesians. In 1-3, he says your blessings are in the spiritual realm. He says here Jesus is seated in the spiritual realm.

We're going to look in a moment at chapter 2 verse 6. We are in the spiritual realm. He says in chapter 3 verse 10 that the angels are in the spiritual realm. And then he says in chapter 6 verse 12, the devil and his angels and his demons are in a spiritual realm. In heavenly places. He used heavenly places. So, when you hear the phrase heavenly places, think about the spiritual realm.

Jesus Christ is now seated in the spiritual realm ruling on a throne. Jesus Christ, having risen, ascended, is seated on a ruling throne in the spiritual realm. He's not seated in the physical realm where you and I are today. He is seated very much alive in the spiritual realm called heavenly places. But what is he doing in that spiritual realm? He's ruling because he's seated on a throne.

Because while he can be overruled, any attempt to overrule him, he can veto because he sits above them. Just like courts can veto other courts because they sit above them. So, he wants your eyes to be open that you've got this wealth available to you to experience his power.

And that power is demonstrated in the person of Christ. Hebrews chapter 2 verse 14, which says that in Jesus's death and resurrection, Satan was defeated. So, let's get this straight.

You cannot now be defeated by Satan unless he's allowed to do it. And he does it now by deception because Jesus took away his fangs. Okay, Bible says he took away the power of death.

So, Satan now must trick us to defeat us. He can't just overpower us to defeat us if you're a believer in Jesus Christ. He's got to dupe you.

That's why he wants your eyes, my eyes to be open that Satan is now under Jesus's feet. Now the question is, what does that have to do with you and me in everyday life? Because look, if you've got a bank account with a lot of stuff in it, it would be nice to know that. It'd be nice to know you've got a deposit and that you have the power of withdrawal, okay? God has given every believer access to power and authority, the right to use legitimate power within the context of his will.

Jesus sits in heaven to authorize it. And he has now given you and me, watch this, watch this, it's coming home, an all-access pass. You know, you go to certain places, you can only sit certain places, you can't go backstage.

That is unless you have an all-access pass. So, what God has given you and me is an all-access pass. Look at chapter 2, verses 4-6. But God, being rich in mercy, because of his great

love with which he loved us, even when we were dead and our transgressions made us alive together with Christ, by grace have you been saved and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

Did you just see what you just read? Were your eyes open? I don't believe it. I don't believe it. You have got to read it again.

But God, being rich in mercy, because of his great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead and our transgressions made us alive together with Christ, by grace you have been saved and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus. So, guess what? Jesus is not the only one in heaven. Somebody's with him, together with him.

Not only are there folks with him and together with him, but they are also seated beside him. It says seated with him. And they are together with him, seated with him in the same location as him, heavenly places.

Heavenly places is the spiritual realm. So guess what? Paul is praying that you and I understand. You're here, but you're not here.

He says you have been relocated spiritually, even though you are physically located right here, right now in church. He says, because if you are saved, you died with him, were raised with him, were seated with him in the heavenly places. So, here's the problem.

If you are seated with him in heavenly places, but you're operating from earthly places, then you're functioning from the wrong location. So, the reason many of us are not seeing the power is we're operating from the wrong location. We're seated in heaven because that's where the power is, but we're operating on earth and there's no power there.

He says, but if you learn to operate from where you are truly seated, which is in heavenly places, you're looking at things totally different because you're looking at it from God's perspective, not from man's perspective. He says you are seated with him. Authority works where Jesus Christ rules, where his jurisdiction exists.



God had a spiritual system in place to connect us from earth to heaven without leaving your location. And that spiritual connection point has every believer in heaven while they never leave the premises on earth. The problem is we get so used to earth that we never connect spiritual technology to heaven and wind up with the limitations of earth.

And therefore, don't see the authority and the power that God has granted believers to experience. You will not see the connection open up and the screen come on up there in heavenly places where you are, down here on earthly places where you sit, unless you are under Jesus's feet. You have to be under his feet.

God has placed all things under his, Jesus's feet. That means under his authority. Under his control, under his rule.

If you're not under his rule, you won't get his information. You and I must settle one issue. You settle one issue when you got saved, but there is a second issue you must settle.

And until that issue is settled, the supernatural will not visit you in the natural. And the one issue that must be settled is the lordship of Jesus Christ over every area of life. That issue must get settled.

When you trust Christ for the forgiveness of sins, you're now on your way to heaven. But when you submit to the lordship or the rulership of Jesus Christ over every area of your life, that's when heaven can visit you. And heaven will not visit you if you're not under his feet.

But let me read to you right now Romans 14 about the lordship of Jesus Christ. Here's what it says in verses 7 through 9. For not one of us lives for himself and not one dies for himself. For if we live, we live for the Lord.

And if we die, we die for the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Until he is Lord. He uses the word Lord four times in those verses. Until he is master, ruler, final decision maker, meaning you're under his foot.

Unless you are willing to say yes Lord to his authority. Unless you and I are willing to say I am not my own, I've been bought for a price. And that buying with a price covers all of my life.

Because he died and rose to be Lord, not just to be savior. He died and rose to take you to heaven, but also rule you on earth. And if you want to see his rule on earth, then he must be Lord over all of our life.

You have to decide if I am Lord or if I am not. Now, if I am Lord, that means final say so, veto power. And then when it comes time for me to do something, I don't have to go far since you're sitting next to me, I can just turn.

Because you're already sitting next to me in the spiritual realm. But if you're not operating from that realm, you don't even hear him talking. You don't see the riches; you don't experience the power.

And Jesus just becomes a religious experience that encourages you, that inspires you, but you never see the authority, the overruling. But I will tell you this, there's nothing like seeing it. Because when he shows up and you get to see it and you get to say, whoa, I just saw God do a switch on me.

I just saw God take something dead and raise it from the grave. I just saw that. I was dying in this situation, dying with this problem, dying with the resources, dying with... And I just saw God flip the natural order of things.

See, then you won't have to lean on somebody else's testimony. Because you'll be able to say, I've seen it with my own eyes. So right now, in closing, I want to switch a word.

I want to switch words. I want to change out a word, okay? Now the word I want to change into a great word. It's a good word, but it's a problem word. But it's a natural word. The word I want to switch out is the word commitment. See, we call on people to make a commitment. There's a problem with a good word. The problem with the word commitment is you still in control. See, when you make a commitment, you're in control.

Like we committed to lose the weight we gained over Christmas. We committed, we committed. I'm going on a diet and I'm going to lose that weight. We committed to start working out. We just committed, we committed. We committed to read our Bible every day or to pray more.

And we were so sincere when we made those commitments. I'm telling you, we were so sincere, but then life happened, and distractions happened. And our commitment began to wane, not because we weren't sincere, but we were in control. And when the control got weak, the commitment got weak. So, what do we do? We walk the aisle and commit, then we recommit. Then we recommit the recommitment we made when we committed.

Then we recommit the recommit of the commit we made when we made the commitment. So, we wind up recommitting because commitment is tied to our control. So, I want to switch the word out. I want to switch the word out from commitment to surrender. Because when you surrender, somebody else is in control. Somebody else is calling the shots.

So, commitment is a great word, but we get shaky with commitment. So, let's go to surrender so that it's not up to us. It's whatever you say, boss. You're the boss, man. Whatever you say. Yes, sir.

I surrender. I hold up my hands because you're the authority. Because now it doesn't depend on my commitment. It depends on my obedience to the authority who's telling me what to do. So, I surrender. And once you surrender, heaven wakes up and says, we got one. We got one who's ready to see my power and my authority on earth.