

## Trivia Quiz Time

- Salt Lake City, Utah      Mormonism
- Rome, Italy      Roman Catholicism
- Mecca, Saudi Arabia      Islam
- Ephesus      Artemis (Diana)

## Artist's Concept of the Temple of Artemis in Ephesus



## First and Second Century Statues of Artemis



## Compare and Contrast

Artemis  
Statue

Christ  
Body

Descended

Descended/Ascended

Temple

Temple

Central Bank

Riches

Mystery

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## A hypothesis for our study of Ephesians

Ephesians is to **Gentile** believers  
as what

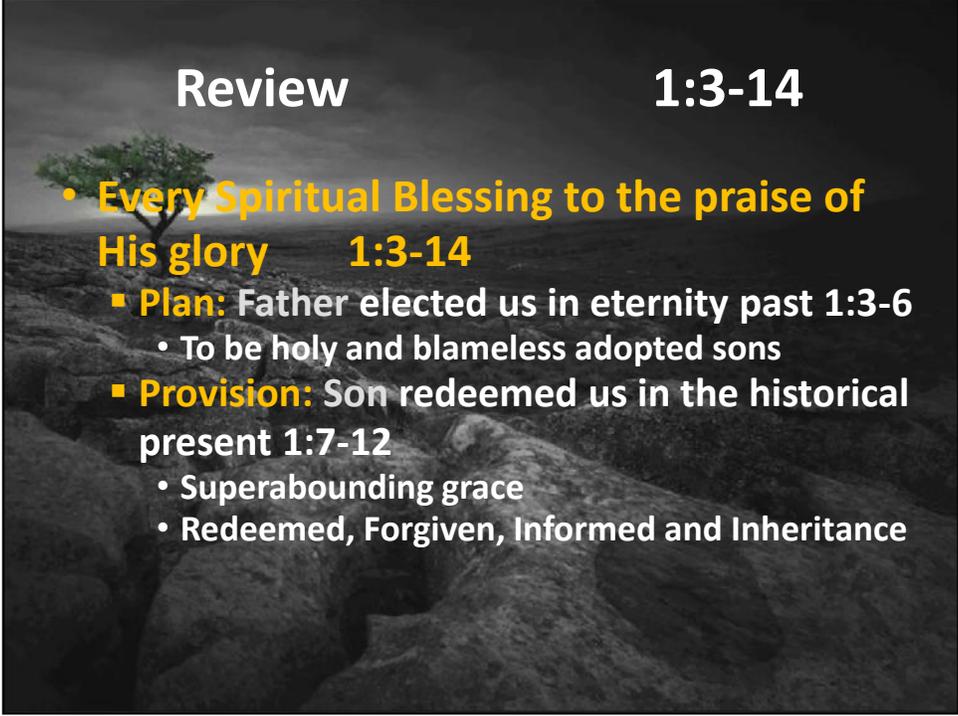
Hebrews is to **Jewish** believers  
namely:

to demonstrate the exclusive and absolute  
superiority of Jesus Christ over all others.

## Review

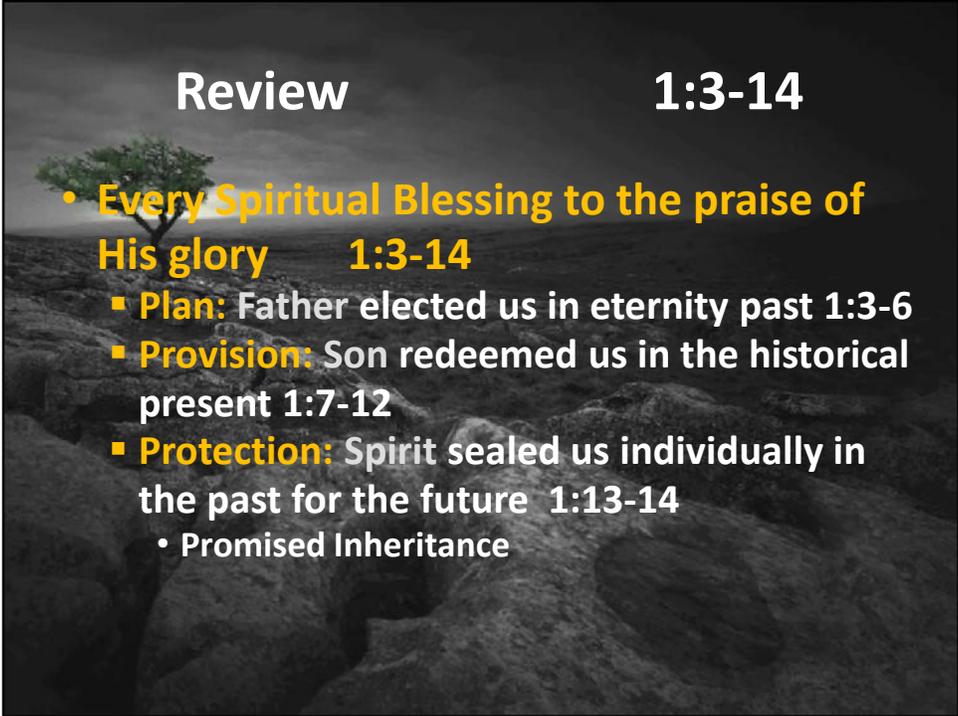
1:1-2

- **Paul writes to those “in Christ” 1:1-2**
  - That they might experience God’s grace and peace



**Review** **1:3-14**

- **Every Spiritual Blessing to the praise of His glory 1:3-14**
  - **Plan:** Father elected us in eternity past 1:3-6
    - To be holy and blameless adopted sons
  - **Provision:** Son redeemed us in the historical present 1:7-12
    - Superabounding grace
    - Redeemed, Forgiven, Informed and Inheritance



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  - **Protection:** Spirit sealed us individually in the past for the future 1:13-14
    - Promised Inheritance



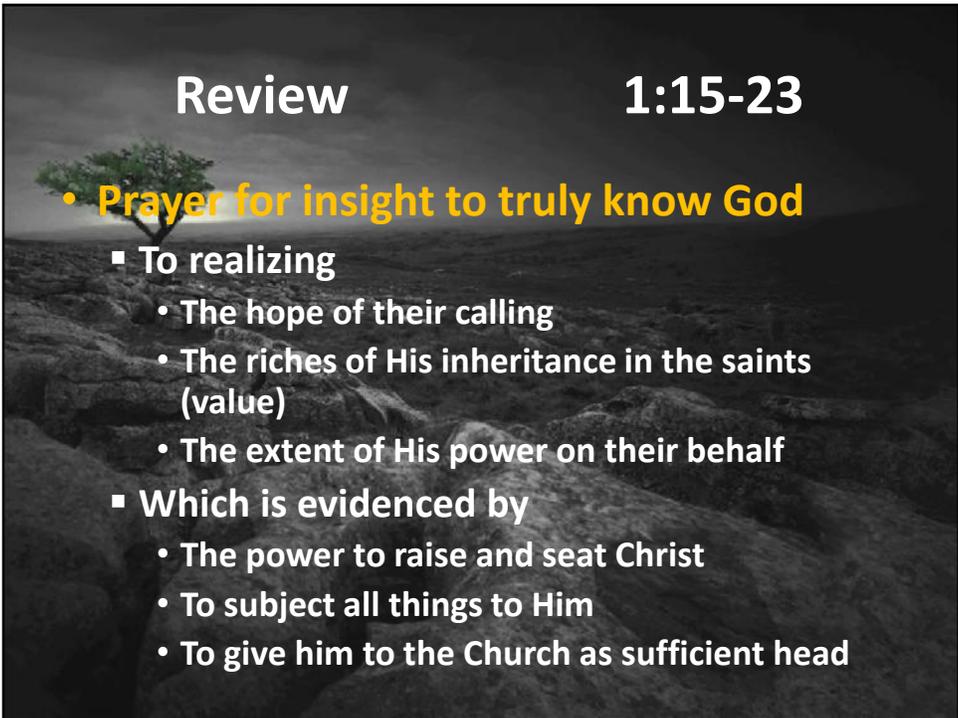
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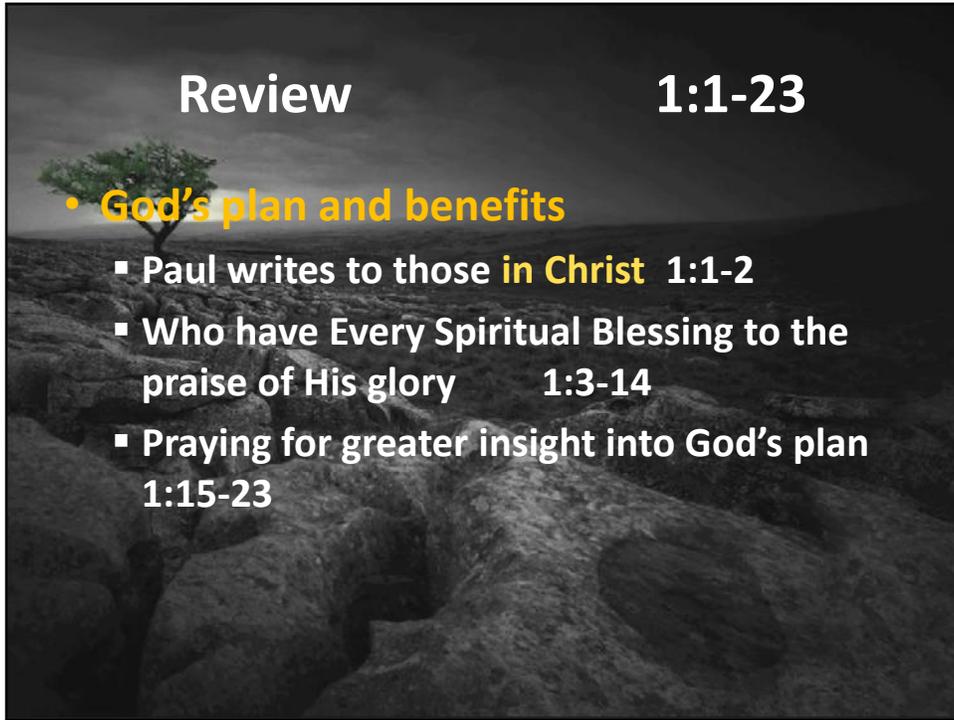
- Plan, Provision and Protection of Salvation

A reminder of the great things God has done for believers individually.



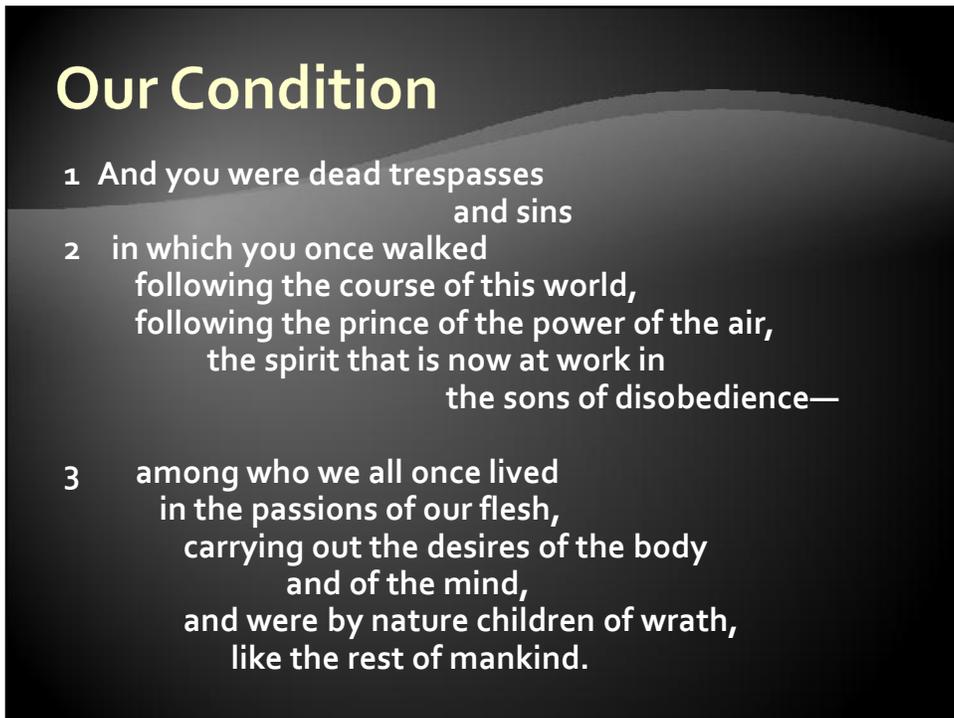
**Review** **1:15-23**

- **Prayer for insight to truly know God**
  - To realizing
    - The hope of their calling
    - The riches of His inheritance in the saints (value)
    - The extent of His power on their behalf
  - Which is evidenced by
    - The power to raise and seat Christ
    - To subject all things to Him
    - To give him to the Church as sufficient head



**Review** **1:1-23**

- **God's plan and benefits**
  - Paul writes to those **in Christ** 1:1-2
  - Who have Every Spiritual Blessing to the praise of His glory 1:3-14
  - Praying for greater insight into God's plan 1:15-23



**Our Condition**

- 1 And you were dead trespasses  
and sins
- 2 in which you once walked  
following the course of this world,  
following the prince of the power of the air,  
the spirit that is now at work in  
the sons of disobedience—
- 3 among who we all once lived  
in the passions of our flesh,  
carrying out the desires of the body  
and of the mind,  
and were by nature children of wrath,  
like the rest of mankind.

## Action of God's Grace

- 4 But God,  
    being rich in mercy,  
    because of the great love with which he loved us,  
5 even when we were dead in our trespasses,  
    made us alive together with Christ—  
    by grace you have been saved—  
6 and raised us up with him  
    and seated us with Him in the heavenly places  
                                    in Christ Jesus,  
7 so that in the coming ages he might show  
    the immeasurable riches of his grace  
                                    in kindness toward us  
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## Salvation Explained

- 8 For by grace you have been saved  
    through faith.  
    And this is not your own doing;  
    it is the gift of God,  
9 not a result of works,  
    so that no one may boast.
- 10 For we are his workmanship,  
    created in Christ Jesus  
    for good works,  
    which God prepared beforehand,  
    that we should walk in them.

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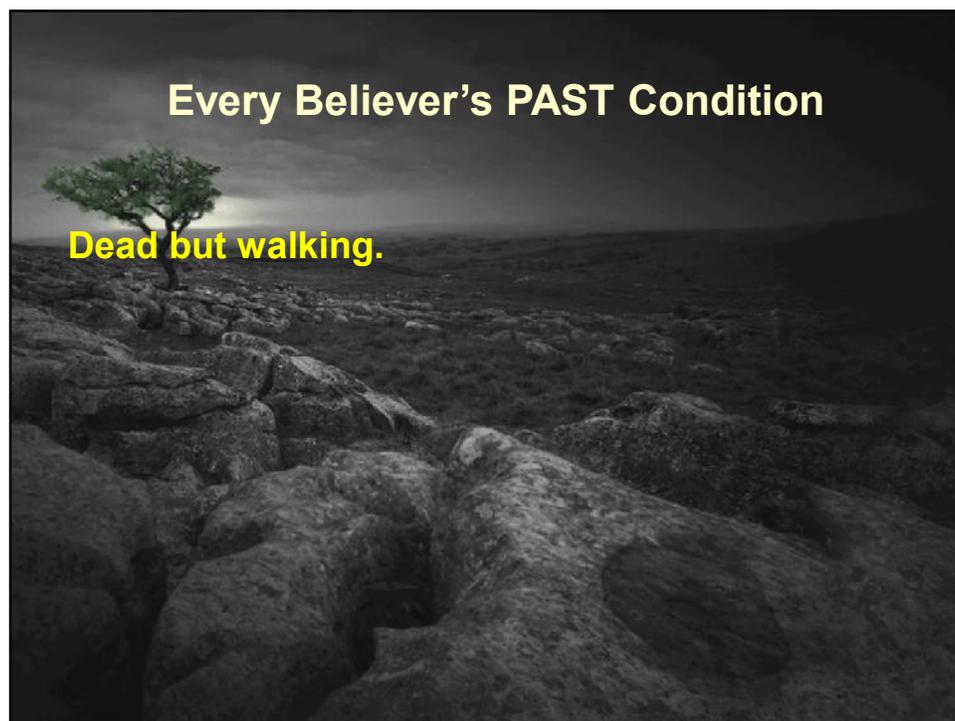
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 according to the working of **his great might**  
 20 that he worked in Christ  
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 and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,  
 21 far above  
 all rule and authority  
 and power and dominion,  
 and above every name that is named,  
 not only in this age but also in the one to come.  
 22 And he put all things under his feet  
 and gave him as head over all things to the church,  
 23 which is his body,  
 the fullness of him who fills all in all. (ESV)

## Every Believer's PAST Condition

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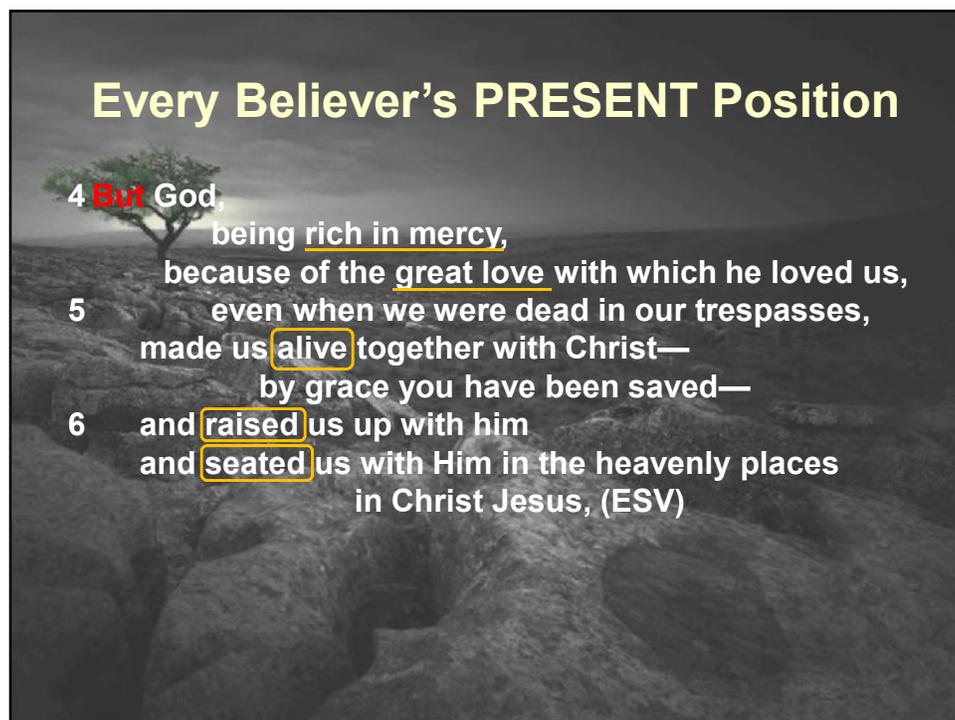
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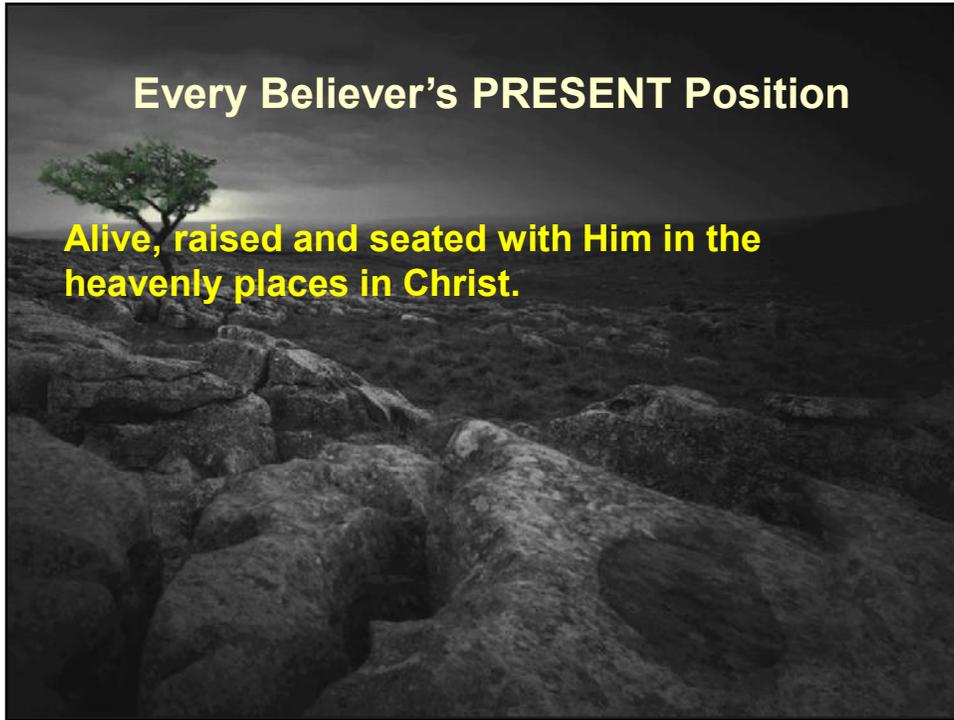


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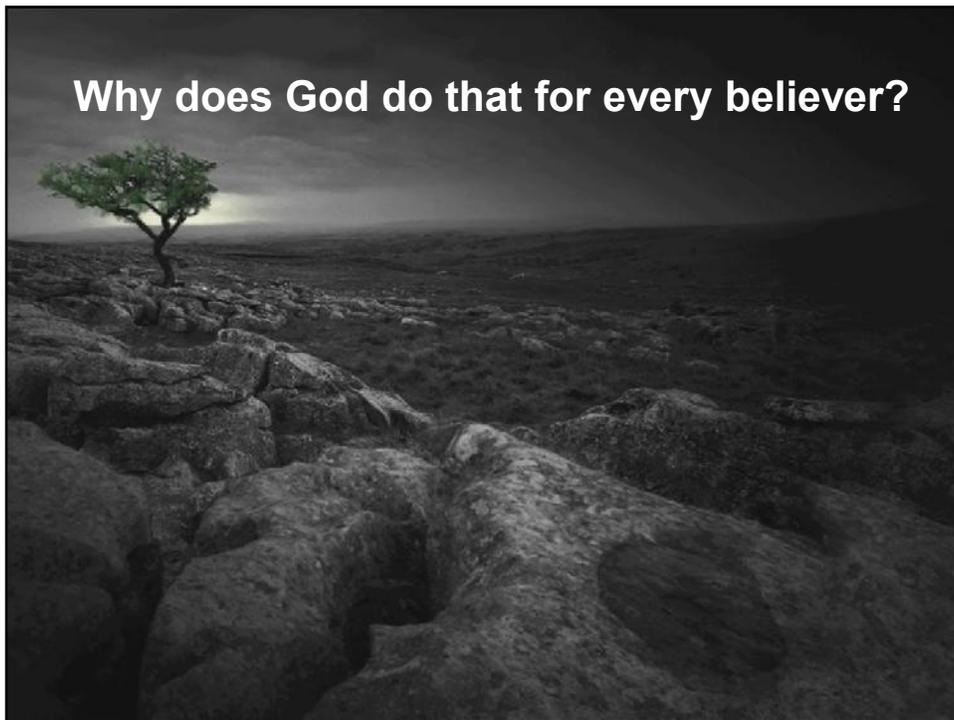
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**Every Believer's PRESENT Position**

**Alive, raised and seated with Him in the heavenly places in Christ.**



**Why does God do that for every believer?**



## Every Believer's FUTURE Function

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the **immeasurable riches of his grace** in kindness toward us  
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## Every Believer's FUTURE Function

**To show (demonstrate) the immeasurable  
riches of His grace.**

## Contrasting Bookends to the passage

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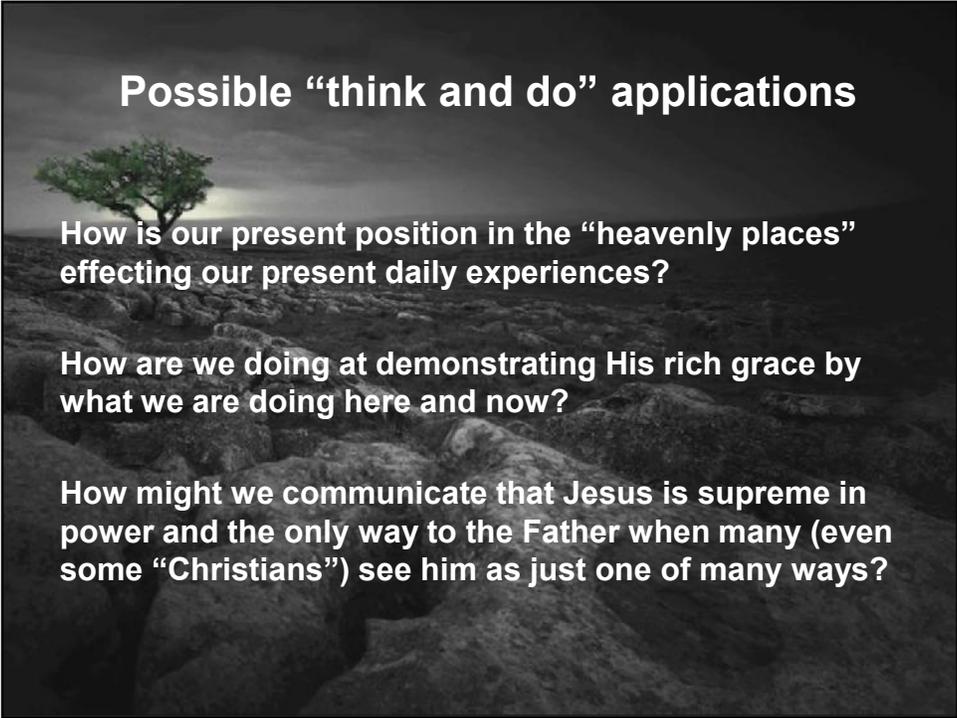
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## Summary

A **BIBLICAL** perspective on:

God's - immeasurable power  
- immeasurable grace

All believers' past – dead but walking  
present – alive raised and seated  
future – demonstration of grace



## Possible “think and do” applications

How is our present position in the “heavenly places” effecting our present daily experiences?

How are we doing at demonstrating His rich grace by what we are doing here and now?

How might we communicate that Jesus is supreme in power and the only way to the Father when many (even some “Christians”) see him as just one of many ways?