

The Church

Ephesians 1:3

Introduction:

The Christian is in the heavenlies. He is brought into the realm of heavenly possessions and experiences because of his association with the risen Christ.

The Christian experience is a Heavenly experience because it is brought about by the Heavenly Spirit.

I. THE HEAVENLY PLACE OF CONVICTION

- The Holy Spirit pursues us
- The Holy Spirit Penetrates us

II. THE HEAVENLY PLACE OF CONVERSION

- Animated by the Spirit
- Accepted by the Sovereign

III. THE HEAVENLY PLACE OF CONSECRATION

- In living for Christ
- In laboring for Christ

IV. THE HEAVENLY PLACE OF COMMUNION

- With the Saviour
- With the Saints

V. THE HEAVENLY PLACE OF CELEBRATION

- Our completeness in Number (A whole people)
- Our completeness in Nature (A Holy people)
- Our completeness in Nearness (Home with the Lord forever)

CONCLUSION

- The Christian's past experience is Heavenly (Sins Forgiven)
- The Christian's present experience is Heavenly (Spirit fortified)
- The Christian's prospective experience will be Heavenly (At home with the Lord)