

THE REAL YOU

In Christ- The Key to Consistency

Ephesians 1:3

I. YOUR SOURCE (Ephesians various)

- God chose you – *in eternity past* (1:4)
- God loved you – *even when you were dead in sins* (2:4)
- God gave you new life – *made alive with Christ* (2:5)
- God seated you – *with Christ* (2:6)
- God displays you – *to the host of Heaven* (2:7)
- God keeps you - *He is able* (3:20,21), and
- God blesses you - our verse

II. YOUR SECURITY

- Adam is the source and substance of your old life;
Christ of your new life (*1 Cor. 15:22*).
- In Him you are chosen, redeemed, forgiven, led,
blessed, sealed, complete, enriched, holy, freed,
victorious and have eternal life (*Eph.1:4-13; Col.2:10; 1
Cor.1:2,5; 2 Cor.5:14, 21; Rom.8:1,37; Gla.2:4; 1 Jn.5:11*).

III. YOUR SUCCESS

- Biblical success is enjoying God's presence.
- You have been given every (not one is missing)
spiritual blessing in Christ and are positioned with Him
in Heaven.
- Your spiritual success is certain.

Application

“As a man thinks so he is.” Proverbs 23:7

1. Keep the same mind as Christ
He emptied Himself, He became a bond servant, He humbled Himself, He suffered death being made a curse for you on the cross (Philippians 2:2, 5-8)
2. Renew your mind
Be renewed and transformed in the spirit of your mind by the indwelling Holy Spirit (Romans 12:2; Ephesians 4:23)
3. Guard your minds
Think about things that are true, honorable, right, pure, lovely, positive, and things of excellence and praise (Philippians 4:7,8)
4. Set your mind on things above
What things?
Jesus Christ – His attributes: His glory and grace and finished work of redemption
Your position in Christ – crucified, buried, raised, seated, hidden and coming with Christ (Colossians 3:2)