



# The Trumpet Call

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## Together with Christ

**“And you hath He quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins. . . But God . . . hath quickened us together with Christ . . . and hath raised us up together and made us to sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.”—Ephesians 2:1-6 (KJV)**

Without Christ, we were lost and alone, dead in our trespasses and sins, strangers and foreigners, without hope in the world (Vs. 12). But after repentance, the blood of Christ has atoned for our sins and we enjoy the mercy and love of God! We are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and the household of God (Vs. 4, 19).

**We are quickened together with Christ.** We are one with Christ, never to be alone again! In the third chapter, verses 14-16, Paul says, “. . . I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named that he would grant you according to the riches of his glory to be strengthened with might by His Spirit . . .” In Jesus we are made one with the Father (John 17:11, 21-23) and we become members of the **whole family of God** in heaven and on earth. I want you to know that this is not a little thing that is fading away and struggling to exist. You are part of the camp of the saints from the beginning of creation unto the end of the world. Our leader is God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Our Redeemer is Jesus, God’s son. Pagan religions have no personal god, but we know our God and he loves us. The family of God includes all who lived before the cross and looked forward to the Messiah just as we look back to the cross for our redemption. It includes those yet to be born into the love of God. And it includes those who are in heaven with the Father right now – martyrs praying under the altar and all the saints in heaven who are rejoicing around the throne and all the apostles, prophets, and patriarchs.

**We are raised up together with Christ.** We are raised out of darkness, doom and despair to experience His glorious presence. By His mercy and love, He has lifted us to be together with Christ in the whole family of God. He has lifted us out of sin into His holiness; out of death into His life; out of weakness to be strengthened with might by His Spirit (vs. 3:16).

**We are made to sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.** One with Christ, we are of the whole family of God in heaven and on earth. We have heaven here and are already citizens of heaven above “. . . filled with all His fullness according to the riches of His glory (vs. 3:16, 19). We are seated with the saints, the family of God, and Christ. Jesus said that if we overcome we will sit with Him in His throne (Rev. 3:21). And we will sit together in heavenly places (Eph. 2:6). Heaven is above us, rainbows of glory are beaming! Angels are crying, “Holy,

holy, holy!" The perfect light of His glory floods over us. Heaven resounds with the music of endless praise! What joy unspeakable to sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus!