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and overwhelmed His holy indignation, and began a mighty work to save even those who are dead in sin, and willing subjects of Satan's dominion.

And what does it do? First it brings the dead to life. *Quickened us together with Christ.* The first great need was life for the dead, and so by grace He caused the same life that came into the dead One in Joseph's tomb, to flow to the members of His spiritual body, causing the souls of the dead in sins to waken to life with Him. But the work does not stop there. Not only is there a new conscious sensation of life within the soul, but he is introduced into a new standing and sphere. *And raised us up together, and —.* Oh the wonderful mercy, love and power of God! — *made us sit with Him in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.* Already we find ourselves back again where we were at the end of the last section, where we saw the Church as His body, "far above all rule and authority and power, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age, but also in that which is to come."

And this was done when He raised up Christ. In that mighty act of His power, we were given our standing in Christ, so that in Him we are already seated in the heavenlies. The working out of this in us, begins when we put our trust in Christ, and are quickened into actual spiritual life; it will be completed, when, in our glorified bodies we take our place with Him on the throne of His kingdom. Then "we shall be like Him for we shall see Him as He is." (1 John, 3:2). This is the method by which grace saves "the children of wrath."

But why has He done this? First of all, as we have seen, it is because of the wealth of His mercy, and