

# Khri's' Suangphum

Suangphum Iepkhitsa Ioungal suangphum dang kuamah in a lem theita kei, huai suangphum Jesu Khrist ahi - 1 Kor. 3:11

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## OUR SPIRITUAL HERITAGE IN CHRIST

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**T**he letter to the church in Ephesus begins with a blessing. “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ” (Eph. 1:3). Chapters one through three highlight some of those spiritual blessings, one of which involves our heritage in Christ. While most of us no longer wake up thinking about being a Gentile trying to interact with a Jewish community, it was a real issue in the early church. A spiritual blessing that we have in Christ is all of that was done away with. That is the theme of chapter two in the Ephesian letter.

When the chapter begins, we are dead (Eph. 2:1-3). We are dead in sin and children of wrath. There is nothing that we can do to change our spiritual state. Then God steps in. The grace of God is highlighted (Eph. 2:4-10). Phrases are used to describe the abundance of God’s conduct toward us: “rich in mercy,” “great love,” and “surpassing riches of His grace.” All of this underscores that God did not just barely pay the debt we owed but went beyond what was needed to redeem us back (Eph. 1:7-8).

That redemption brought us into a new relationship with God and with the Jewish people that were obedient to God through Jesus Christ (Eph 2:11-22). Not only were we dead before Christ, but we were also separated from God in every way, to the point that we had no hope and were strangers to God (Eph. 2:11-12). Those of us that “formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ” (Eph. 2:13). There is a dividing line in a relationship with God.

If I’m not near, bought with blood, then I am far away and have no hope. There is no middle ground. What separated us into two classes of people and what separated us from God was taken away (Eph. 2:14-18). From the two God made one people. We were reconciled “both in one body to God through the cross” (Eph. 2:16). Now that we are one, something else has changed.

In this new state of being near to God, we have a new spiritual heritage (Eph. 2:19-22). “So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God’s household” (Eph. 2:19). We are now brought into the family of God.

All of this was built about the teaching of the prophets and the apostles with Christ being the cornerstone that fit everything together. In chapter three, Paul will expound on the fact that the Gentiles being a part of the blessings of God was a mystery that had been hidden but was now being revealed in Christ. It was part of God’s eternal purpose in His great wisdom and love. Do not take lightly the spiritual heritage and inheritance we have in Christ. It is by the grace of God, not of ourselves.

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**'KHRIS' SUANGPHUM, A WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR  
THE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST, DELHI,  
ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK'**

Enkaitu : Jamson Guite

**BIBLE CLASS**

**Class**

Adult : Khenpi, Siamkhanmuan  
Inter. : James & Jamson  
Junior : Ginsuan & Suanlian  
Primary : Minlun & Niangngaihching  
Beginner : Chingkhanlun & Pauliansiam

**Teacher**

**NILAINI BIBLE CLASS**

Host :- Lang James

Ahun :- 9 PM

**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK**

**Nang akipan kam hoihlou koihmang inla, nang  
akipan in muk kilawm loute gamlapi ah  
koih in (Paunakte 4:24)**

**THU TUAMTUAM**

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**BIAKNA HUNZEK**

**Toupa' Ni**

**Date 10.10.2021**

Mun-uk thumna : Janglet  
Lapi : Mungsuan  
Thilpiak : Khamthianmung  
Theihgigena : Jangthang  
Thugen : Jamson  
Thumna : Pauminthang

**Toupa' Ni**

**Date 11.10.2021**

Mun-uk thumna : Thangzalam  
Lapi : Mungmuanlian  
Thilpiak : Thangbiaklun  
Theihgigena : Kamkhenthang  
Thugen : Janglet  
Thumna : Ginsuan

**DAK 5 HITA DIING**

☛ Kal paita Toupa Ni in St. Alphon-  
sa mun ah biakna dak 4pm a neih hi-  
mahleh tuni apan in nitaklam **dak 5  
hita** diing hi. Bible class leng biakna  
mun mah a neih hi diing hi. I ma ua ki-  
khomte'n dak 4:30 tan a awngsak  
thei diing ahihna uah dak 5pm geih a  
pan thei diing in a hun ma dak 4:45  
tan a amun tung thei chiat diing in  
pan ila diing uh.

**LACHIAT NI**

☛ Kha Namsau volume 10, Num-  
ber 3, issue thak sutkhiak ahihtak toh  
kiton in biakna mun ah koihkhiak hi  
diing hi. Toupa Ni paita apen toh  
kibanglou ahi. Eimah copy diing kilak-  
chiat in asung atuang thute hoihtak in  
sim chiat ni hang.

**VISITATION PROGRAM**

☛ Preacher inn vehna program  
tuni in leng dohkan tung ah koih hilai  
diing. A lakha nailoute'n i la diing a ei  
inn ni diing ikichiamteh chiat diing uh.

**GARI THAK NEI UH**

☛ Unaupa Thongginlian-te inn-  
kuan in Pathian vualzawlina thupitak  
dong in kal paita sung in gari thaksit-  
set **brezza**, ana lei thak uhi. Kipahpih  
chiat hang. Toupa thupha!

**MEETING OM**

☛ Gelkholhsa bang in zan kiginni in  
unaupa Nekkhothang-te inn, Noida ah  
Saptuam business meeting neih in om  
hi. Meeting thupuknate biakkhawmna  
mun ah simkhiak hi diing hi.

**KHAKKHIAK HITA**

☛ Kha Namsau issue thak zoh ahi-  
hton kiton in unau Manipur lam a  
omte a diing leng khakzoh hita. Ana  
muhtak uh leng lamet ahi.

**HUNCHIAM KIBEHLAP**

☛ Youth essay toh kisai a piaklut  
hun diing tuni (10.10.2021) tan hi-  
mahleh tuailaite deihna bang in a hun  
tukha 17 tan dia suan gamlat ahi. Tu-  
ailai tengteng in gelhvek ni.

**Snakes in the Church (Mark 2:15-17)**

Jay Launius

Last week I saw a meme on social media that said, "Not all snakes crawl – Some sit in church." I gotta admit it set me back a bit that someone might make such a statement about church folks. But after some thought I had to admit that it is highly likely a true statement. It's true, there can be Christians who are not honest, nor have pure motives. There are New Testament examples of such people, for instance Paul said that, "Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world." (2 Tim. 4:10). Then there was Diotrophes, who loved to have superiority among the brethren and throw people out of the church. (3 John 9-10).

Timothy was warned of liars and hypocrites that would be in the church (1 Tim. 4:1-3). With these examples there is no doubt that there are "snakes" in the church. But you may be surprised that the church is exactly where the

snakes need to be. In Mark 2:15-17 we read of an occasion where Jesus had gone to Levi's house for a meal and there were tax collectors (thieves) and sinners who were there. Jesus was accused of socializing with the less desirable crowd by the religious people. He answered their accusations by saying, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick."

I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance." (v. 17) There is a misconception among folks that the church is to be filled with perfect people and before one can be a part of the church they must be perfect. Only by God's grace and our obedience to Him do we find ourselves in His family. Yes, there are imperfect people in His church and that's right where they need to be.