

Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible

Scriptures for Today: Colossians 1:12-14 – giving thanks to God for His blessings in Jesus Christ

Today's Message:

"Out of Darkness"



INTRODUCTION

Last week, we began the book of *Colossians* with an overview and introduction. We learned this letter is written prophetically to our time in church history. The Gospel had changed the lives of these people! Faith, love, and hope had come through Jesus Christ. Today, we will give **THANKS** to God for three glorious blessings found in Jesus Christ – our inheritance, our deliverance, and our redemption! As we get our eyes on Jesus Christ and esteem Him far above earthly cares, we will be drawn to **WORSHIP** Him! We have so much to be thankful for in Christ. This is God's message to you and His church...

LEARNING TOGETHER

❖ The Text Colossians 1:12-14

A. The Inheritance – giving thanks to God for the inheritance of the saints.

1. God has made us **MEET** to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light.

1 Peter 1:4

To an **INHERITANCE** **incorruptible**, and **undefiled**, and that **fadeth not away**, **RESERVED IN HEAVEN FOR YOU**,

- **Colossians 1:12** – Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath **made us meet** to be **partakers of the inheritance of the saints IN LIGHT**:

"Meet" Fit; suitable; proper; qualified; adapted, as to a use or purpose.

"Partaker" One who has or takes a part, share or portion in common with others.

"Inheritance" The reception of an estate by hereditary right; estate received by the heir.

Comparing Scriptures

- **Romans 8:17** – ... heirs; heirs of God, and **joint-heirs with Christ**...
- **Romans 11:17** – ... **partakest of the root** and fatness of the olive tree;
- **Romans 15:27** – For if the Gentiles have been made **partakers of their spiritual things**...
- **Ephesians 1:11** – In whom also we have obtained **an inheritance**...
- **Ephesians 1:18** – ... the riches of the glory of **his inheritance in the saints**...
- **Ephesians 3:6** – That the Gentiles should be **fellowheirs**...and **partakers of his promise**...
- **Hebrews 3:14** – For we are made **partakers of Christ**...
- **Hebrews 6:4** – ... enlightened... the heavenly gift... made **partakers of the Holy Ghost**...
- The Holy Spirit (and Paul) wanted these believers to rejoice in this blessing!

B. The Deliverance – giving thanks to God for the deliverance from darkness.

2. God has **DELIVERED** us from the power of darkness.

- **Colossians 1:13** – Who hath **delivered us** from **the power of darkness**...

Ephesians 2:1

And you hath he quickened, **who were dead** in trespasses and sins;

"Who hath delivered us ..."

Do you remember the sin bondage you were in before you got saved?
Do you remember how you felt when you were made free from sin and death?

Hebrews 2:14

Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, THE DEVIL;

"Delivered" Freed; released; rescued.

"Power" Force; governing rulers; invisible being with dominion over part of creation

"Darkness" Absence of light; difficult to understand; empire of Satan (Colossians 1)

Comparing Scriptures

- **Luke 22:53** – ... but this is your hour, and **the power of darkness**.
- **Acts 26:18** – To **OPEN THEIR EYES**, and to **TURN THEM ...**
from darkness to light, and
from the power of Satan unto God ...

Important Note

The phrase "the power of darkness" is found 2 times in the KJV.

Hidden Dangers

1. Drift back to old life and sin
2. Lose gratitude and grow cold
3. Stop being watchful

- **2 Cor 4:4** – ...hath **blinded the minds...** lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ...
- **Ephesians 4:18** – Having **the understanding darkened...** because of the blindness...
- **Ephesians 5:8** – For **ye were sometimes darkness**, but now are ye light in the Lord...
- **Ephesians 6:12** – ... against **powers**, against **the rulers of the darkness of this world...**
- **1 Peter 2:9** – ... who hath **called you out of darkness** into his marvellous light:
- **1 John 2:8** – ... because **the darkness is past**, and the true light now shineth.
- We must never forget what God saved us out of! Sin is deceitful and wicked.

3. God has **TRANSLATED** us into the kingdom of his dear Son.

- **Colossians 1:13** – ... and hath **translated us** into the kingdom of his dear Son:

"Translated" Conveyed from one place to another; removed to heaven without dying.

Comparing Scriptures

- **Hebrews 11:5** – By faith **Enoch** was **TRANSLATED** that he should not see death...
- **John 5:24** – ... shall not come into condemnation; but is **passed from death unto life**.
- **Romans 6:22** – But now being **made free from sin**, and become servants to God...
- **1 Corinth 6:11** – ... such were some of you: but **ye are washed... sanctified... justified**
- **Ephesians 2:6** – ...hath **raised us up together... made us sit together** in heavenly places
- **1 Thess 2:12** – ...who hath called you **unto his kingdom and glory**.
- The Holy Spirit (and Paul) wanted these believers to rejoice in this blessing!

Important Note

The word "translated" is found 2 times in the KJV.

Important Note

God has changed your spiritual address – you do not live in darkness anymore.

C. The Redemption – giving thanks to God for redemption and forgiveness.4. God has **REDEEMED** us through His blood and **FORGIVEN** us of our sins against Him.

- **Colossians 1:14** – In whom **we have redemption** through his blood, even **the forgiveness of sins**:

"Redemption" To buy back; the ransom of sinners from the bondage of sin and penalties of God's law by the atonement of Christ.

"Forgiveness" The pardon of an offender, by which he is considered/treated as not guilty.

Comparing Scriptures

- **Acts 20:28** – ... the church of God, which **he hath purchased** with his own blood.
- **Romans 3:25** – ... to declare **his righteousness** for the remissions of sins that are past...
- **Galatians 3:13** – Christ hath **redeemed us** from the curse... being made a curse for us...
- **Ephesians 1:7** – In whom **we have redemption** through his blood, the forgiveness of sins
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Matthew 20:4

Even as the Son of man came... to give his life a ransom for many.

The Price of Freedom

Salvation is not cheap; it cost the life and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

"In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins."

Without the blood of Jesus Christ, there is no redemption, no forgiveness, and no access to God.

Redemption is not just some intellectual doctrine we believe; it is life transformation!

You live differently when you know you have been bought and washed and forgiven. Amen?