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The overall theme of this letter to the Colossians (*and Laodiceans*) is that Jesus Christ is everything we need and we are complete in Him. Once Jesus Christ enters your life by your faith in Him alone, fruitful character qualities begin to grow inside (v. 6) and God gives us power and strength to know, do, and understand His will (v. 9-11). In today's passage, we will see the depth of what truly took place when you put your faith and trust in Jesus Christ _____. These are elements of our salvation **we cannot see** right now with our eyes, but we trust by faith that what God says about our status and standing are true.

A CHANGE IN OUR STATUS AND STANDING – Colossians 1:12-14

1. Our Christian Status – v. 12

- We are _____ into **God's family** at our new birth – Jn. 1:12, 3:5-7; 1 Jn. 3:2.

Made us meet – able; fit; competent; qualified...a standard needing to be _____ =

Partakers of the inheritance of the _____ (Heb. 1:14, 9:15; Gal. 3:29, Tit. 3:7) =

In light (Jn 1:6-9; 1 Jn. 1:5; Eph. 5:8; Rev. 22:5) =

2. Our Christian Standing – v. 13-14

- We are and will be **delivered** and **translated** – v. 13; 2 Cor. 1:9-10.

_____ *from the power of darkness* (Lk. 22:53; Acts 26:18; 2 Cor. 4:4; Eph. 2:1-3, 6:12; 1 Thess. 5:5; 2 Tim. 2:26; 1 Pet. 2:9) =

Translated into the _____ of his dear son (Jn. 5:24, 8:34-38; 1 Cor. 15:40; Heb. 11:5) =

- We are **redeemed** and **forgiven** forever – v. 14.

By his own _____ (Acts 20:28; Rom. 3:24, 5:9; Eph. 1:6-7, 2:13) =

_____ *the forgiveness of sins* (Ps. 103:17; Is. 38:17, 43:25; Mic. 7:19; 1 Jn. 1:7) =