

Colossians 1:12-14

“For [God] rescued us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son...in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.” Colossians 1:13-14

Main truth: Jesus paid the ransom to save us, and places us in His kingdom forever.

A few weeks ago we learned about Paul. He was fighting Christians until Jesus revealed Himself to Paul when he was on his way to Damascus. Paul became a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ. The darkness that had been in Paul became full of God's light. Paul went on to tell everyone he could about how Jesus is the true Savior from the darkness of sin. Paul wrote letters and these letters are now part of our Bible! We're going to look at one of these letters today called Colossians.

(Read from Bible start Colossians 1:12) This is what Paul wrote to the Colossians, “We give joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance (special gift) of His holy people in the kingdom of light. For He has rescued (saved) us from the dominion (kingdom) of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves, in Whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.”

Satan, God's enemy, is the prince of darkness and sin. Satan tries really hard to get people to stay in the darkness by thinking that they don't need God. Paul called this a kingdom, a place where people live. The kingdom of darkness has no joy, no peace, no patience...it is a place that is selfish, and has a lot of struggle and sadness. It is a place without God, so it is dark.

But the Good news is that Jesus conquered Satan! Jesus is the Light of the World and He has overcome all the darkness! He has opened up the way to walk right out of that darkness into His kingdom of light and love and forever be in God's family. When we say, “Yes, Jesus! I trust You as God, my Savior from sin!” Jesus transfers us out of Satan's dark kingdom and we are part of God's Kingdom of light! And when we trust in Jesus, we are part of God's kingdom forever.

Now, we are to live like the children of the King Jesus! We are to live like our King! In the next few weeks we will see how to dress and walk like our king.

Who wrote this letter to the Colossians? Paul

Did just Paul write it or did God tell him what to write? God told him what to write

Who is God's enemy? Satan

Who is more powerful Satan or God? God

Who defeats the darkness of Satan? Jesus

Who is the light of the world? Jesus

What do we have to do to enter the kingdom of God, the kingdom of light? Trust that Jesus is our Savior from what our sins deserve

