

THE PREEMINENCE OF CHRIST

The Fullness of Deity Dwelling in Christ

Redeemed: People of the Light

Colossians 1: 12-14

Introduction: Verses twelve to fourteen from a transitional bridge between Paul's introduction and very detailed prayer for the Colossians to the focus on the supremacy of Jesus Christ and His unique and singular role in salvation. These verses are a bridge expressing in summary form what God has done for us in Christ.

I. Qualified to Share in the Inheritance of the Saints in Light

This is a work God has done: we are *qualified* (by Him)

II. Delivered from the Domain of Darkness / Transferred to the Kingdom of His Beloved Son

People who have not been rescued by God in Christ live in a power structure that is characterized by the forces of chaos, evil, and judgment. Douglas J. Moo, p.104 PNTC Colossians

The one who follows after Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the Light of Life.
Jesus, John 8:12

III. In Whom We Have Redemption!

The essential concept is rescue and recovery—our life has been restored to health

IV. In Whom We Have the Forgiveness of Sins!

We can walk in the light with God because we are cleansed from our sin. I Jn 1:7

Conclusion: In order to enjoy the benefits of redemption we must be active followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, which means learning from Him (through His Word) and believing/obeying Him in all that He shows us to be true.

For this reason also, since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; ¹¹ strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience; joyously ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light. ¹³ For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹

Colossians 1: 9-15
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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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