

# *Christ Over All*

## *A study in Colossians*

Deliverance  
Colossians 1:13-14  
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He has delivered 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

### I. A NEW EXODUS

- As God delivered his people out of Egypt and into the Promised Land, so Jesus redeems his people from slavery in a dark land to a kingdom of light (Vs. 13; Ex. 6:6-8).
- The language of “redemption” and “darkness” is also part of the biblical narrative of salvation (Hosea 13:14; Micah 4:10; Isa. 41:14; 42:6-8, 16; 43:1, 14; 44:22-23).
- In our salvation, we transfer allegiances from one kingdom to the next. Spiritual realities are at work here. There are two kingdoms in this universe, a kingdom of darkness and a kingdom of light (Col. 1:12; Luke 22:52).
- Paul speaks here of a great transfer. Believers were set in darkness, now we are in “the kingdom of his beloved Son.” Jesus is the Messiah now sitting on the throne of his father David (2 Sam. 7:8-17; Eph. 2:1-10; Col. 1:13).

### II. RANSOMED, FORGIVEN, ADOPTED

- There may be no sentence more beautiful in all the Bible than “In whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins” (Eph. 1:7-14).
- Paul has given us a shorthand version of justification. In one great act of grace, God redeems us, frees us of our guilt, and adopts us into his family (Rom. 8:12-17; Titus 2:11-14).
- We are not what we once were—we are not yet what we will be (1 John 3:1-3).

**KNOW:** God has not simply delivered us from a sad life to a happy life. He has delivered us, literally, from the darkness. In addition to this great act, he has transferred us into the kingdom of his much loved Son. In him, and him alone, lies redemption and the forgiveness of sins.

**DO:** Find redemption and forgiveness in Jesus. Step out of darkness and into light.

#### Suggested Reading:

*What Does It Mean to be Born Again?* by R.C. Sproul (Available in the LifePoint Library).

*The Heart of the Gospel* by Robert E. Coleman (Available in the LifePoint Library).

#### For Children:

*The Gospel: Big Theology for Little Hearts* by Devon & Jessica Provencher (Available in the LifePoint Library).

**NEXT WEEK'S PREACHING TEXT:** Colossians 1:15-17

### Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

#### **Please Read Colossians 1:13-14**

1. What does Paul want us to know about the work of God in our lives?
2. What have believers been delivered from? (yes, the domain of darkness, but what does that mean practically in our lives?).
3. What have believers been delivered to? (Again, practically).
4. What do we have because of Jesus? Why do we have this “in” Jesus? Why not say “because of Jesus?”
5. What are some of the “deliverance” themes in Scripture? How do they point to Jesus?
6. How do we “Find redemption and forgiveness in Jesus?” How will you apply that reality to your life?