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## The Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Colossians

Friday, September 22, 2006  
Chapter 1:13

1. What does the term “He has delivered us” mean to you? (v13)
2. What does the phrase “from the power of darkness” convey to you? (v13)
3. How did we get in “darkness” and why do we even need to be delivered from the “power of darkness” today? (v13)

The Gr. term means “to draw to oneself” or “to rescue,” and refers to the believer’s spiritual liberation by God from Satan’s kingdom, which, in contrast to the realm of light with truth and purity, is the realm of darkness (cf. Luke 22:53) with only deception and wickedness (1 John 2:9, 11). See Acts 26:18\*

4. How would you define a kingdom? (v13)

A kingdom in its natural state is a group of people ruled by a king. There are two, and only two, kingdoms in this world. (1). For Christ followers it is the eternal kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ in whom we are enslaved to. (2). To the Children of the Devil it is the state of slavery they are in to their master Satan, and in whom they will be destroyed with.

5. What is the “the kingdom of the Son of His love?” (v13)

The Son of His love. (Matt. 3:17; 12:18; 17:5; Mark 1:11; 9:7; Luke 3:22; 9:35; Eph. 1:6; 2 Pet. 1:17; John 17:23–26). The Father gave this kingdom to the Son He loves, as an expression of eternal love. That means that every person the Father calls and justifies is a love gift from Him to the Son. (John 6:37, 44)\*

6. Do you think that light has any part of darkness? Can a person be in the “light” and live in darkness? (2 Cor 6:14 - 7:1)



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Most references in OT to darkness appear in Job, Psalms, and Isaiah. Generally, such darkness depicts ignorance about God's will. Knowledge of God is "light"; hence lack of such knowledge is "darkness" (Jb 12:24, 25; Mt 4:16; Jn 1:5; 8:12; 12:35, 46; 1 Jn 1:5; 2:8, 9, 11). In other references darkness stands for death, a land of shadows and gloom, the dwelling place of the dead far from the light of day (Jb 10:21, 22; 15:23; 17:12, 13; 18:18; Eccl 6:4; 11:8).

Darkness frequently stands for distress and anxiety, or for the confusion and destruction experienced by the wicked (Gn 15:12; Jb 5:14; 12:25; 15:22, 30; 19:8; 22:11; Pss 35:6; 107:10, 14; Eccl 5:17; Is 5:30). Moral depravity is sometimes described as darkness (Prv 2:13; 4:19; Is 5:20; 60:2).

In the NT darkness generally refers to moral depravity and spiritual ignorance (Mt 4:16; 6:23; Lk 1:79; 11:35; 22:53; Rom 2:19; Col 1:13). The NT also links darkness with judgment in connection with Christ's second coming (Mt 8:12; 22:13; 25:30; 2 Pt 2:17; Jude 6, 13). Those who come to know God are said to come out of darkness (Is 9:2; 29:18; 42:7); darkness cannot be a hiding place from God (Jb 34:22; Ps 139:11, 12; Is 29:15). The emphasis between darkness and light depicts between the evil one (Satan) and Jesus. The light has come and the darkness has not overcome it (Jn 1:5). The world is a realm of darkness into which Jesus has brought light (Jn 3:19; 8:12; 12:46). God himself is light (1 Jn 1:5). True light comes only through Jesus (Jn 1:9). Anyone, therefore, who does not know God remains in darkness, in spiritual ignorance. \*\*\*

13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love \*\*

\*MacArthur, J. J. (1997, c1997). The MacArthur Study Bible (electronic ed.) (Col 1:13). Nashville: Word Pub. \*\*The New King James Version. 1982 (Col 1:13). Nashville: Thomas Nelson. \*\*\*Elwell, W. A., & Beitzel, B. J. (1988). Baker encyclopedia of the Bible. Map on lining papers. (580). Grand Rapids, Mich.: Baker Book House.

### Sermon Notes

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