



From One Kingdom to Another
Colossians 1:9-14
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BIG IDEA

The gospel transfers us from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of Christ, where redemption, forgiveness, and new life are found. Paul's prayer for the Colossians reminds us that living in this new kingdom should be visible in the way we think, act, and endure. As citizens of Christ's kingdom, we must remember our rescue, rejoice in our new realm, reflect the character of our ruler, rely on his resources, and reach the lost.

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE

Colossians 1:9-14 (ESV)

9 And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,
10 so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;
11 being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy;
12 giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.
13 He has delivered 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.

MAIN THEME

There are only two kingdoms: one ruled by the powers of darkness, leading to death, and one ruled by Jesus, leading to life. Through Christ, we have been rescued from the old dominion and brought into his kingdom of light. This radical transfer shapes everything about us—our worship, our endurance, our character, and our witness. To live as true citizens of Christ's kingdom, we must not only rejoice in our new identity but also reflect our ruler and rely on his power daily.

DISCUSSION & APPLICATION



1. **Remember Your Rescue**

Colossians 1:13–14; Ephesians 1:7

- What does it mean to be delivered from the “domain of darkness”?
- Why is it important to remember what Christ saved you from?
- How does gratitude for redemption shape the way you live today?

2. **Rejoice in Your Realm**

Colossians 1:12–13; Philippians 4:4; 2 Samuel 6:14

- How do you show joy and gratitude for living in Christ’s kingdom?
- What keeps us from freely worshiping and rejoicing in God’s work?
- How can your daily life reflect joy in belonging to Christ’s realm?

3. **Reflect Your Ruler**

Colossians 1:9–10; Romans 12:1–2; James 3:13

- What does it mean to “walk in a manner worthy of the Lord”?
- How does spiritual wisdom help us resist false teaching and worldly thinking?
- In what area of your life do you need to better reflect Christ’s character?

4. **Rely on His Resources**

Colossians 1:11; John 15:5; Ephesians 6:10

- Why is it impossible to live the Christian life in our own strength?
- How have you seen the Spirit strengthen you in times of hardship or weakness?
- What step can you take this week to more fully depend on Christ’s power?

5. **Reach the Lost**

Colossians 1:13–14; John 14:6; Acts 1:8

- How can your life demonstrate the reality of being transferred into Christ’s kingdom?
- Who in your life is still walking in darkness and needs to hear about Jesus?
- What would it look like to be ready with a short testimony of your rescue story?

PRAY

Father, thank you for rescuing me from the kingdom of darkness and bringing me into the kingdom of your beloved Son. Help me to never forget my rescue, to rejoice in the new life



you have given me, and to reflect your character in all I do. Strengthen me with your power so I may endure with joy, give thanks in every season, and boldly share your gospel with others. May my life bring glory to you and point others to the hope of your kingdom. In Jesus' name, Amen.

DIG DEEPER

For further study this week:

- Ephesians 1:7-14 — Redemption through Christ's blood
- Philippians 3:17-21 — Our citizenship in heaven
- John 15:1-11 — Abiding in Christ for fruitfulness
- Romans 12:1-2 — Living sacrifices transformed by God's will
- 1 Peter 2:9-12 — Living as people of light

NEXT WEEK'S BIG IDEA

"The Preeminence of Christ Over Creation!" Celebrating our Lord who is rules the universe.
Colossians 1:15-17

