

COLOSSIANS – 1:10-15

*“...Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness,
and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son...”*

- Colossians 1:13

1. 1:10-12 - Results of Understanding God's Will

- a. Walking comes after understanding - Mat 25:21? Or... according to 1 Cor 3:13
- b. Pleasing God is a result of the gospel message - Micah 4:5, Col 2:6, 1Thes 2:12
- c. Strengthened in the inner man - Eph 3:16, Phil 4:13,
- d. The power is not to overcome, but to submit - 2 Cor 4:7-10, 12:9-10
- e. Patience, longsuffering, and joy - these are the fruits of the Spirit - Rom 5:2
- f. Thankfulness towards God - the attitude that begets charity - Col 3:17
- g. Made us meet - It is Christ's work that makes us complete - Col 2:10, Phil 2:13
- h. The inheritance - We are heirs with Christ - Rom 8:17, Eph 3:6, Titus 3:7
- i. The saints in light - "Ye are light in the Lord" - Eph 5:8, 2 Cor 4:6, also John 12:36

2. 1:13 - Deliverance from Darkness

- a. Light = way of knowing, illumination, i.e. enlightenment - John 1:5, Eph 1:18
- b. There is a darkness = way of ignorance, hiding, blinding → Eph 2:2, 4:18
- c. Darkness can be controlled by a power - Eph 6:12, Acts 26:18, 2 Cor 4:4
- d. Ministers of light - Jews Rom 2:19, Jesus John 8:12, You, the Devil - 2 Cor 11:14
- e. The kingdom of his Son - 1 Thess 2:12, 2 Tim 4:18, Col 4:11, Rom 14:17, Acts 28:31
- f. We do not have a stake in the earthly kingdom - Mat 15:26, Acts 15:17, Eph 2:12
- g. We have a place in the heavenly dominion of God's kingdom - Eph 2:6

3. 1:14 - Blood Redemption

- a. The blood is significant for the gospel! - Heb 9:22, Lev 17:11
- b. Faith in his blood - Rom 3:25, justified by... 5:9, peace by... Col 1:20
- c. The communion of the blood - 1 Cor 10:16
- d. Redemption - our deliverance from bondage; forgiveness - our pardon

4. 1:15 - The Image of God

- a. Man was in the image of God - Gen 1:26, Heb 10:1; Jesus IS the image of God
- b. God cannot be seen - John 1:18, 4:24, 6:46, 1 Tim 6:16
- c. If you've seen Jesus you've seen the Father - John 14:7-9
- d. He is God manifest in the flesh - Phil 2:6-8, 1 Tim 3:16, Col 2:9
- e. The firstborn...from the dead! - Col 1:18, Rom 8:29, 1 Cor 15:20-22
- f. Jesus is not the only son of God - John 1:12, Rom 8:14, 8:19, Gal 4:6, Phil 2:15
- g. John 3:16 must say only begotten son of God to be right - Acts 13:33-34, Psa 2:7
- h. The resurrection from the dead was when he was begotten