

Giving Thanks Colossians 1:12-14

I. Family Inheritance – 1:12

1. Relationship with the Father

God created us in His own image – Gen. 1:27
His purpose was to have a family relationship
Sin caused a break in that relationship - Gen. 3:6-10
There were consequences for humans
But there was still a promise from God – Gen. 3:15
“Seed of the woman” would gain victory
God lovingly dealt with their guilt – Gen. 3:21-22
He covered their nakedness with a blood sacrifice
He denied them the Tree of Life to give them hope
Jesus taught us to pray to “Our Father” – Matt. 6:9
He came to restore relationship with God as Father

2. We are qualified to share family inheritance

Christ is “heir of all things” – Heb. 1:2
Being in Christ we share that heirship – Gal. 3:29; 4:7
This inheritance is for the “saints in light”
1 Peter 1:4-5; Romans 8:16-17

II. Delivered from Darkness – 1:13

1. Word “delivered” is emancipated

We were in Satan’s kingdom as slaves
Ephesians 2:1-3
We were blinded in this domain of darkness
2 Corinthians 4:3-4; 1 Corinthians 2:14

2. Christ has broken power of darkness

Defeated Satan & his power over us
Colossians 2:13-15; Romans 6:11-14

3. Transferred to kingdom of His Son

We are children of God, alive in Christ
Our eyes are open to see His truth
His power is available to us – Eph. 6:10-18

III. In Christ we are Redeemed – 1:14

1. Redemption deals with the cost

Release, transferal requires payment for sin
The wages of sin is death – Rom. 6:23
God warned Adam & Eve – Gen. 2:16-17
Death was required for God to clothe them
Genesis 3:10
God made it clear to Cain – Gen. 4:1-7; Heb. 11:4
O.T. requires a perfect substitute
Blood of a lamb without spot or blemish – Heb.9:22
But even then sacrifice was temporary
Repeated every year – whenever one sinned
Saints at death went to Paradise – Lk. 23:43
Place of rest called Abraham’s bosom – Lk. 16:23

2. Christ’s sacrifice was perfect

He was without sin – pleased the Father
John 17:4; Hebrews 4:15
He gave His life as a sacrifice for human sin
Hebrews 9:11-15 – (Old & New Covenant)

Being the perfect sacrifice – never to be repeated
Hebrews 10:9-14

3. In Him we have forgiveness of sins

He paid in full for all sin – 1 John 2:1-2
Forgiveness is available to all who believe in Him
John 3:14-18
With forgiveness comes reconciliation with God
Colossians 1:20-21; Ephesians 2:13-16
God’s creative purpose is fulfilled in Christ
God has a people, in His image, to fellowship
with Him eternally