

- i. That is where you have your share in the inheritance.
- ii. You no longer have your share in the inheritance of guilt which is wrath and condemnation.

IV. How Has God Qualified us for this?

- A. In whom we have redemption...buy back...purchased away from that slavery.
- B. Through the forgiveness of sins!

LIVE THE STORY

We must not only love the Gospel Story, we must begin to live the Gospel Story, indeed, to have the Central Character live in us.

- What did it look like for you when you were enslaved under the dominion of darkness? How does remembering how God delivered you from that help your gratitude?
- If you were saved at a young age maybe you never experienced Satan's enslavement in a graphic or memorable way. How can you too find gratitude without that personal experience?
- How does the exodus story fill in the picture of what it means to be given a part in the inheritance of the saints in light? How does this New Covenant deliverance and share in the inheritance speak to the fulfillment of the promise to Abraham?
- What does it mean for you to be in the Kingdom of the Son of the Father's love? What does that say about your relationship with the Father?
- How is it that God qualified you for all this? When did He?
- Does gratitude mark your life, your conversation, your personality? Why do you think Paul makes it so prominent for the life of the believer?

Understanding Gospel Grace Will Produce Gospel Gratitude

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Text: Colossians 1:12-14

Intro: Four Questions to Help us Give Thanks...

- A. The Christian life overflows with thanksgiving:
 - i. 3:15 *Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts... And be thankful.*
 - ii. 3:16 *Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly... with gratitude in your hearts to God.*
 - iii. 3:17 *And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*
 - iv. 4:6 *Let your conversation be always full of gratitude, seasoned with salt...*

B. Exodus 6:6-8

The deliverance of Israel out of Egypt into their inheritance in Canaan was a shadow pointing to the fulfillment, the reality, that is revealed in the Gospel: God bringing sinners out of darkness from every race, language, tribe and tongue, into an inheritance that far surpasses that of Canaan.

I. What does it mean to have part in the inheritance of the saints in light? (1:12)

- A. The **first exodus** started with a promise.
 - i. Delivered from slavery because of God's promise.
 - ii. Paul saw the promise as world wide...not tribal.
 - a) Romans 4: 13 *that he would be heir of the world*
 - Gen 12:3
 - Gen 17:4

- Gen 22:17-18
- Gen 28:14
- Psalm 2:8

B. In the **first exodus**, God gave all of Israel the land; In **the new**, our inheritance is in a different realm!

i. Inheritance of the saints...

ii. ...in light.

a) Murray Harris: *in the realm of light!*

b) The glory of the new outshines the glory of the old which was fading away.

iii. Revelation 4:7-11

C. How? How did God bring you into this glorious inheritance? How did you land here?

II. What does it mean to be delivered from the Domain of Darkness? (1:13a)

We need to remember what it was like to be under the dominion of darkness so we are filled with gratitude in our hearts to God.

A. What was it like to be under the dominion of darkness?

i. Ecclesiastes 8:8

ii. Mark 5:1-19 This man clearly demonstrates the *insanity* and *slavery* of sin.

B. God has brought us out...you are no longer enslaved.

III. What does it mean to be transferred into the Kingdom of the Son He loves?

A. Exodus terminology:

i. Exodus 4:22-23

ii. Hosea 11:1-2

B. Jesus was the true Israel:

i. Matthew 2:15

ii. Matthew 3:17

C. *You were under the cruel hand of the grim reaper, and now you are living joyously in the kingdom of the Son in whom God finds His deepest joy!*