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**Colossians 1:12-14**

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*"the Father, who has **qualified** us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light" (12)*

- **Qualified** – to make sufficient, render fit
- God did something for us **we could not do on our own**
- He made us suitable to be **partakers** in light (14)
  - God is Light - 1 John 1:5-7
  - Christ is the Light of the World - John 8:12
  - Saints are to shine as lights - Mt. 5:14-16
  - *"you are light in the Lord, walk as children of light"* - Eph. 5:8

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- We are **presently** qualified and sharing
  - *"For God... has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ."* - 2 Cor.4:6
  - *"... for you are all sons of light and sons of day"* - 1 Thess. 5:5
  - 1 Pet. 2:9
- We will share in a greater **future** inheritance
  - 1 Pet. 1:3-5

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- How did our Father **qualify** us?
- Through His beloved Son (14)

*"in whom we have **redemption**, the **forgiveness of sins**"*

- We should be *"joyously giving thanks to the father"*

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*"**delivered** us from the domain of darkness" (13)*

- **Deliver** - to rescue, deliver (from danger or destruction)
- We were captive to sin and death – Rom. 6:16
  - *"Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone as slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness?"*
- He rescued us from death – Eph. 2:1-6; 5:8
- We will be delivered **eternally** – Rom. 5:8-10

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*"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life."*

– Rom. 5:8-10

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- **Transfer** - change of situation or place, to re-settle
- They... from Jewish Law or pagan idolatry – Eph. 2:19-22
- We... from the domain, rule, sphere of darkness
- We are in the kingdom of *"the Son of His love"*
  - Like the Colossians... in His **church**
  - His eternal kingdom that came with power – Mark 9:1
- His **church** will be handed over in the end – 1 Cor. 15:24

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*"... then comes the end, when He hands over the kingdom to the God and Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power."*

– 1 Cor. 15:24

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**HE** *qualified* us to share an inheritance...

**HE** *delivered* us from the realm of darkness...

**HE** *transferred* us into His kingdom of light...

**WE** should be "*joyously giving thanks to the father*"

Have **YOU** been *redeemed*?

Do **YOU** have *forgiveness of sin*?

Are **YOU** walking in the light of **His Beloved Son**?

