

GIVE THANKS FOR OUR BLESSINGS.

INTRO.:

- A. Read text: Colossians 1:12-14.**
- B. Regarding the text:**
 - 1. The saint should always give Him thanks (**Eph. 5:20; 1 Thess. 5:18**)
 - 2. In the text, Paul lists four things for which we ought to give thanks.
- C. God provides blessings both to the righteous and the unrighteous.**

DISCUSSION: WE SHOULD THANK GOD...

I. FOR OUR INHERITANCE.

- A. Col. 1:12: He hath made us “MEET” to be partakers.**
 - 1. MEET = “to equip one with adequate abilities to perform duties.”
 - 2. Note:
 - 1) **1 Peter 1:3-4** Tells us WHAT the inheritance is.
 - 2) **1 Pet. 1:22-23** Tells us HOW to attain = new birth.
 - 3) **1 Pet. 3:20-21** The MANNER of the new birth (**Rom. 6:4**).
- B. Be careful to never lose our qualification for eternal life.**

II. HE DELIVERED US FROM THE POWER OF DARKNESS!

- A. Col. 1:13a. The power of darkness (Satan’s realm).**
 - 1. Men walk in darkness by his own choice (**Rom. 6:16-17**).
 - 2. Satan will always try to get us to leave the light and walk darkness.
- B. Thank God that we have been delivered from darkness and have the ability to continue in the light (**Eph. 4:27; James 4:7**).**
- C. The saved are translated into Christ’s kingdom.**
 - 1. **Col. 1:13** Translated = to transpose, remove from one place to another.
 - 2. “Into the kingdom of His dear son...” (**Matt. 16:18-19**).
 - 3. One day Christ will return to judge mankind.
 - 4. The faithful in the kingdom will be saved (**Eph. 5:23; Rev. 2:10**).

III. WE HAVE REDEMPTION THROUGH CHRIST’S BLOOD!

- A. Col. 1:14 “in whom we have redemption through His blood!”**
 - 1. “Redemption” = a releasing effected by payment of ransom.
 - 2. The word is translated deliverance in **Hebrews 11:35**.
 - 3. Everyone needs redemption. All have sinned **Rom. 3:23**.
- B. Our redemption is not made with money or wealth (**1 Pet. 1:18-19**).**

IV. WE CAN HAVE FORGIVENESS OF SIN THROUGH JESUS!

- A. Col. 1:14: (What makes forgiveness possible? The blood of Jesus.)**
- B. Clearly, we see that the ransom paid was the blood of Jesus (**Eph. 1:7**).**

V.CONCLUSION:

- A. These verses speak of things for which we should be thankful.**
- B. God has done so much for each of us.**
- C. Just think where we would be without such wonderful blessings.**