

God, The Father, Has Qualified and Made Us Fit...

Text: Colossians 1:11-14 Amplified Bible:

11 [We pray] that you may be invigorated *and* strengthened with all power according to the might of His glory, [to exercise] every kind of endurance and patience (perseverance and forbearance) with joy,

12 Giving thanks to the Father, Who has qualified *and* made us fit to share the [a]portion which is the inheritance of the saints (God's holy people) in the Light.

13 [The Father] has delivered *and* [b]drawn us to Himself out of the control *and* the dominion of darkness and has transferred us into the kingdom of the Son [c]of His love,

14 In Whom we have our redemption *through His blood*, [which means] the forgiveness of our sins.

- Last week we celebrated what is commonly called Easter, which is the celebration of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Son of God – which accomplished redemption for mankind from sin and all its fruit, for *whoever* will receive and put their trust in the Redeemer, Jesus! (Rom. 10:9-10)
- How does redemption, the forgiveness of our sins effect us? As verse 13 in our text states, we change kingdoms: from darkness to Light, from death to Life!
 - Jesus becomes our *righteousness* (right standing with God, reconciled to Him, Rom 5:10 & 17) which results in *peace* (perfect well-being, all necessary good, all spiritual prosperity, freedom from fears, agitating passions, and moral conflicts.)
 - Note this scripture from Isaiah 32:17-18:

17 *And the effect of righteousness will be peace [internal and external], and the result of righteousness will be quietness and confident trust forever.*

18 *My people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, in safe dwellings, and in quiet resting-places.*

*** **We** have a responsibility after receiving Jesus as Savior and Lord... *Matt. 11:29...to learn of Him... and Isa. 54:14-15: 14 You shall establish yourself in righteousness (rightness, in conformity with God's will and order): you shall be far from even the thought of oppression or destruction, for you shall not fear, and from terror; for it shall not come near you.*

15 *Behold, they may gather together and stir up strife, but it is not from Me. Whoever stirs up strife against you shall fall and surrender to you.*

Let's learn of Him and establish ourselves in Him by faithfully attending to His Word, and thus know all the Light and Life He has qualified and made us fit to share!

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