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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

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Freedom From Darkness

COLOSSIANS 1:13-14 NIV – (13) For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, (14) in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The opposite of light is darkness. In the Bible, 'darkness' refers to *Satan and his deeds. It also describes the time when people do not know God. *Satan has power over people's lives until they trust Christ. 'The *kingdom' means where Christ rules as king. It does not refer to a physical place. People understood about a physical ruler and his *kingdom. So Paul used this idea to explain about God's *kingdom and *Satan's *kingdom in verse 13. When people become Christians, *Satan does not rule their lives any more. *Satan is not their master. He cannot make them *sin. He cannot make them do evil deeds. Instead, Christ rules in their lives. Christ is their new master. He has forgiven all their *sins. Christ helps Christians to obey him. He helps them to live *holy lives. Paul explained more about this in the rest of this letter and in Romans chapter 6.

In the *Old Testament, the *Israelites were slaves in the foreign country of Egypt. Pharaoh, who was the ruler of Egypt, was cruel to the *Israelites. So, God brought them out of Egypt and gave them the country called Canaan. They were not slaves any more. Paul often referred to this story. It helps Christians to understand what Jesus has done for them. He has freed them from *Satan's power. In verse 14, the phrase 'has paid for' means to make a slave free. He has freed us from all bondage!

Therefore, what is the problem? Jesus has done His part. Many will say that this one or that one needs deliverance. No what is needed is 'Salvation' by accepting Jesus has your intercessor for your sins and then walking in the gift of Sanctification which also comes from Christ! He's taken a million steps, lets us begin to take at least one.

SCRIPTURE READING

ROMANS 6:18

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Christ has everything that you need!

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