

OUT OF SLAVERY

COLOSSIANS 1:13, 14

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

BACKGROUND: The final request by the absentee pastor is that they be thankful for all God did in their salvation.

HE RESCUED YOU. You could not rescue yourself. When you placed your faith in Christ, you were instantly delivered (rescued). “Believers do not need deliverance from the dominion of sin and Satan; they need to act as those who have been delivered.” John MacArthur, MacArthur New Testament Commentary: Colossians and Philemon, p. 40. (Colossians 1:13a, Colossians 1:21, 22, fn 1:21,22, II Corinthians 5:17, fn 5:17, Romans 6: 2, 7, 11, fn 6:11, Titus 3:3-7, fn 3:3-8, John 1:12, 13, fn 1:12, 13) *What changes do you remember God making in your life when you first understood that you were “born again”?*

HE BROUGHT YOU. You have been transferred from a kingdom of darkness where men are on the throne of their lives under the control of Satan. You have been brought into the Kingdom of the Son where Jesus is king and is the ruler of your life. (Colossians 1:13, fn 1:13, Romans 14:17, John 8:31-36, fn 8:34, 35, Romans 6:17,18, fn 6:17[1st], Hebrews 12:28, fn 12:27-29) *How do you know that you are not in your former slavery?*

HE REDEEMED YOU. Jesus’ sacrifice paid for your sins by the giving of His life, His blood, on a cruel cross. Jesus redeemed you (repurchased you), forgave all your sins, and removed all blame and guilt. Because of God’s love for you, Jesus paid the ultimate price for you. (Colossians 1:14, Ephesians 1:7, fn 1:7, Romans 3:24, 25, fn 3:24[2nd], fn 3:25[1st], I Corinthians 1:26-31, fn 1:30, Psalms 103:12, fn 103:12) *How could you pray thanking God for rescuing you, delivering you out of slavery, and bringing you into His kingdom?*

Check up—Are you praying with your spouse and your family? Group—Pray for personal requests and bond together by fellowshiping together.