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**Is There Not a Cause for GREAT THANKSGIVING?**

Colossians 1:12-14

There is a circular connection between prayer and thanksgiving. *Thanksgiving seems to invite prayer and more prayer, more thanksgiving.* (Col.1:3, 9,12)

Disciple of Jesus, consider 3 reasons to **joyfully** give **thanks** to the Father…

1. You have qualified to share in the **inheritance** of the saints in light (1:12; 3:24; Rom. 3:16-17; Gal. 4:1-7)

* The people of this inheritance are set apart **by grace** to be favoured for salvation
* The inheritance is an invitation into the family of God.
* Where Jesus is, is the place of the inheritance—the radiance of the Sun of righteousness (Mal 4:2; 1 Tim. 6:16)

2. You have been rescued **from** the domain (authority) of **darkness** (1:13; Lk. 22:53; 2 Cor. 11:14; Eph. 6:12)

* Unable to welcome truth—dupes to liars, manipulators, “experts”

 The “red pill” or the “blue pill”-- the medicine of sinners

* Bondage to the Prince of Darkness, living in fear (2 Cor. 11:14)

 In Narnia

* Under the authority of the Liar (Jn. 8:44)

 “Milkshake ducked”

3. Through the rescue of your King, you have been transferred by the Father into the kingdom of His beloved Son (1:13-14)

* Charter of the kingdom is love filled with light
* Changed lordships, changed kingdoms, changed loyalty
* Changed places in the matter of authority and power—neither fear nor pay homage to any authority but Christ and those who are doing HIS bidding (Matt. 28:18; 1:16)

BECAUSE WE’VE BEEN **REDEEMED**…*the barrier to God has been PERMENANTLY removed by the* ***forgiveness*** *of sins! (…without the shedding of blood, there is NO forgiveness. Heb. 9:22—God’s legal edict)*

 Released from what would damn you to the wrath of God eternally—*conscience set free from past, present, and future sin.*