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**LIVING IN THE REALITY OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD**

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Message Seven

## **Spiritual Warfare to Bring In the Kingdom of God and Living in the Kingdom of the Son of God's Love**

*RK Hymns: 890, 887*

Scripture Reading: Rev. 11:15; 12:10; 4:11; Matt. 6:10; 7:21; 12:26, 28; Col. 1:12-13

- Rev 11:15 And the seventh angel trumpeted; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He will reign forever and ever.
- Rev 12:10 And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, Now has come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ, for the accuser of our brothers has been cast down, who accuses them before our God day and night.
- Rev 4:11 You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive the glory and the honor and the power, for You have created all things, and because of Your will they were, and were created.
- Matt 6:10 Your kingdom come; Your will be done, as in heaven, so also on earth.
- Matt 7:21 Not everyone who says to Me, Lord, Lord, will enter into the kingdom of the heavens, but he who does the will of My Father who is in the heavens.
- Matt 12:26 And if Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand?
- Matt 12:28 But if I, by the Spirit of God, cast out the demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.
- Col 1:12 Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you for a share of the allotted portion of the saints in the light;
- Col 1:13 Who delivered us out of the authority of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,

### **I. The purpose of spiritual warfare is to bring in the kingdom of God—Matt. 6:10:**

Matt 6:10 Your kingdom come; Your will be done, as in heaven, so also on earth.

A. Spiritual warfare is necessary because Satan's will is set against God's will—Eph. 5:17.

Eph 5:17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

B. Spiritual warfare has its source in the conflict between the divine will and the satanic will—Matt. 6:10; 7:21; Isa. 14:12-14:

Matt 6:10 Your kingdom come; Your will be done, as in heaven, so also on earth.

Matt 7:21 Not everyone who says to Me, Lord, Lord, will enter into the kingdom of the heavens, but he who does the will of My Father who is in the heavens.

Isa 14:12 How you have fallen from heaven, / O Daystar, son of the dawn! / How you have been hewn down to earth, / You who made nations fall prostrate!

Isa 14:13 But you, you said in your heart: / I will ascend to heaven; / Above the stars of God / I will exalt my throne. / And I will sit upon the mount of assembly / In the uttermost parts of the north.

Isa 14:14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; / I will make myself like the Most High.

1. Lucifer's pride in his high position and beauty gave rise to an evil intention, which became the satanic will—Ezek. 28:12-19; Isa. 14:12-15.

Ezek 28:12 Son of man, take up a lamentation for the king of Tyre, and say to him, Thus says the Lord Jehovah, O you who sealed up perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty,

Ezek 28:13 You were in Eden, the garden of God. Every precious stone was your covering,

sardius, topaz, diamond, chrysolite, onyx, jasper, sapphire, carbuncle, and emerald, with gold. The workmanship of your tambourines and your pipes was prepared with you on the day that you were created.

Ezek 28:14 You were the anointed cherub who covered the Ark; indeed I set you, so that you were upon the holy mountain of God; you walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.

Ezek 28:15 You were perfect in your ways from the day that you were created, until unrighteousness was found in you.

Ezek 28:16 By the abundance of your trading they filled your midst with violence, and you sinned. So I cast you out as profane from the mountain of God, and I destroyed you, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.

Ezek 28:17 Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom by reason of your brightness. I cast you to the ground; I presented you before kings that they may look at you.

Ezek 28:18 By the multitude of your iniquities in the unrighteousness of your trading you have profaned your sanctuaries. Therefore I sent forth fire from your midst; it consumed you, and I reduced you to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all those who look at you.

Ezek 28:19 All who know you among the peoples are astonished at you. You have become a source of terror, and you will be no more forever.

Isa 14:12 How you have fallen from heaven, / O Daystar, son of the dawn! / How you have been hewn down to earth, / You who made nations fall prostrate!

Isa 14:13 But you, you said in your heart: / I will ascend to heaven; / Above the stars of God / I will exalt my throne. / And I will sit upon the mount of assembly / In the uttermost parts of the north.

Isa 14:14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; / I will make myself like the Most High.

Isa 14:15 But you will be brought down to Sheol, / To the uttermost parts of the pit.

2. Before the archangel of God rose up to contradict the divine will, there was no war in the universe; the rebellion of Lucifer was the beginning of all the fighting that is now taking place among nations, in society, in the family, and within individuals—cf. Rev. 12:3-11; Gal. 5:17.

Rev 12:3 And another sign was seen in heaven; and behold, there was a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven diadems.

Rev 12:4 And his tail drags away the third part of the stars of heaven, and he cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to bring forth, so that when she brings forth he might devour her child.

Rev 12:5 And she brought forth a son, a man-child, who is to shepherd all the nations with an iron rod; and her child was caught up to God and to His throne.

Rev 12:6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place there prepared by God so that they might nourish her there a thousand two hundred and sixty days.

Rev 12:7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels went to war with the dragon. And the dragon warred and his angels.

Rev 12:8 And they did not prevail, neither was their place found any longer in heaven.

Rev 12:9 And the great dragon was cast down, the ancient serpent, he who is called the Devil and Satan, he who deceives the whole inhabited earth; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast down with him.

Rev 12:10 And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, Now has come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ, for the accuser of our brothers has been cast down, who accuses them before our God day and night.

Rev 12:11 And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they loved not their soul-life even unto death.

Gal 5:17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these oppose each other that you would not do the things that you desire.

- C. God wants His creature *man* to deal with His fallen creation *Satan*; for this, the human will must stand with the divine will—Gen. 1:26; Matt. 26:39; 12:30; 7:21.

- Gen 1:26 And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of heaven and over the cattle and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.
- Matt 26:39 And going forward a little, He fell on His face and prayed, saying, My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will.
- Matt 12:30 He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters.
- Matt 7:21 Not everyone who says to Me, Lord, Lord, will enter into the kingdom of the heavens, but he who does the will of My Father who is in the heavens.
- D. As the church, our fighting is to subdue the satanic will and defeat God's enemy— Eph. 6:11-13.
- Eph 6:11 Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the stratagems of the devil,
- Eph 6:12 For our wrestling is not against blood and flesh but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world-rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenlies.
- Eph 6:13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.
- E. Spiritual warfare is the warfare between the kingdom of God and the kingdom of Satan— Matt. 12:26, 28:
- Matt 12:26 And if Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand?
- Matt 12:28 But if I, by the Spirit of God, cast out the demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.
1. The kingdom of God is versus the kingdom of Satan—vv. 26, 28:
 

Matt 12:26 And if Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand?

Matt 12:28 But if I, by the Spirit of God, cast out the demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

    - a. God's kingdom is eternal, both in time and in space; Satan's kingdom is not eternal.
    - b. God's kingdom is legal, whereas Satan's kingdom is not legal, for it was established by rebellion against God.
  2. The kingdom of God will not come automatically; in order for the kingdom of God to come, there is the need of spiritual fighting—vv. 22-29.
 

Matt 12:22 Then there was brought to Him one possessed by a demon, blind and dumb, and He healed him, so that the dumb man spoke and saw.

Matt 12:23 And all the crowds were amazed and said, Is this not the Son of David?

Matt 12:24 But the Pharisees, hearing this, said, This man does not cast out the demons except by Beelzebul, ruler of the demons.

Matt 12:25 But knowing their thoughts, He said to them, Every kingdom divided against itself becomes desolate, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand.

Matt 12:26 And if Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand?

Matt 12:27 And if I, by Beelzebul, cast out the demons, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they shall be your judges.

Matt 12:28 But if I, by the Spirit of God, cast out the demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

Matt 12:29 Or how can anyone enter into the house of the strong man and plunder his goods unless he first binds the strong man? And then he will thoroughly plunder his house.
  3. The responsibility of the church is to continue the victorious work that Christ has carried out against Satan—Heb. 2:14; 1 John 3:8b; Col. 2:15; Psa. 149:5-9.
 

Heb 2:14 Since therefore the children have shared in blood and flesh, He also Himself in like manner partook of the same, that through death He might destroy him who

- has the might of death, that is, the devil,  
 1 John 3:8b ... For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.  
 Col 2:15 Stripping off the rulers and the authorities, He made a display of them openly, triumphing over them in it.  
 Psa 149:5 Let the faithful ones exult in glory; / Let them give a ringing shout upon their beds.  
 Psa 149:6 Let the high praises of God be in their throats, / And a two-edged sword in their hand,  
 Psa 149:7 To execute vengeance on the nations / And punishment among the peoples;  
 Psa 149:8 To bind their kings with fetters / And their nobles with chains of iron;  
 Psa 149:9 To execute upon them the judgment written. / This honor is for all His faithful ones. / Hallelujah!
4. The kingdom of God is the exercise of the divine will and the overthrowing of the power of Satan by the power of God—Matt. 6:10.  
 Matt 6:10 Your kingdom come; Your will be done, as in heaven, so also on earth.
  5. Whenever the devil has been cast out and wherever the work of the enemy has been displaced by God’s power, the kingdom of God is there—12:28.  
 Matt 12:28 But if I, by the Spirit of God, cast out the demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.
- F. “Your people will offer themselves willingly / In the day of Your warfare, / In the splendor of their consecration”—Psa. 110:3a:
1. In a spiritual sense, we are now in the day of Christ’s warfare, and for Him we need to be a voluntary offering, a freewill offering—Lev. 22:18; Deut. 12:6.  
 Lev 22:18 Speak to Aaron and to his sons and to all the children of Israel, and say to them, When anyone of the house of Israel or of the sojourners in Israel presents his offering, whether it is any of their vows or any of their freewill offerings which they present to Jehovah for a burnt offering;  
 Deut 12:6 And there you shall bring your burnt offerings and your sacrifices and your tithes and the heave offering of your hand and your vows and your freewill offerings and the firstborn of your herd and of your flock;
  2. In order to engage in spiritual warfare to defeat God’s enemy and bring in the kingdom of God, we need an absolute and thorough consecration to the Lord; in the eyes of God, such a consecration is a matter of splendor—Psa. 110:3a.  
 Psa 110:3a Your people will offer themselves willingly / In the day of Your warfare, / In the splendor of their consecration....

## II. The Father has “delivered us out of the authority of darkness” and has “transferred us into the kingdom of the Son of His love”—Col. 1:12-13:

- A. *The authority of darkness* denotes the authority of Satan; God is light, and Satan is darkness:
1. Satan’s authority of darkness is the authority of evil in the heavenlies, in the air—Eph. 6:12.  
 Eph 6:12 For our wrestling is not against blood and flesh but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world-rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenlies.
  2. The authority of evil, of rebellion, in the heavenlies is the kingdom of Satan, the authority of darkness—Matt. 12:26.  
 Matt 12:26 And if Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand?
  3. To be delivered out of the authority of darkness is to be delivered from the devil, who has the might of death—Heb. 2:14; John 17:15.  
 Heb 2:14 Since therefore the children have shared in blood and flesh, He also Himself in like manner partook of the same, that through death He might destroy him who has the might of death, that is, the devil,  
 John 17:15 I do not ask that You would take them out of the world, but that You would keep

- them out of the hands of the evil one.
4. We have been delivered from the devil, Satan, by the death of Christ and by the life of Christ in resurrection—Col. 2:15; John 5:24.
    - Col 2:15 Stripping off the rulers and the authorities, He made a display of them openly, triumphing over them in it.
    - John 5:24 Truly, truly, I say to you, He who hears My word and believes Him who sent Me has eternal life, and does not come into judgment but has passed out of death into life.
- B. The Father has “transferred us into the kingdom of the Son of His love”—Col. 1:13:
1. The kingdom of the Son of God’s love is the authority of Christ—Rev. 11:15; 12:10.
    - Rev 11:15 And the seventh angel trumpeted; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He will reign forever and ever.
    - Rev 12:10 And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, Now has come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ, for the accuser of our brothers has been cast down, who accuses them before our God day and night.
  2. The Son of God is the embodiment and expression of the divine life; therefore, the kingdom is of the Son as a realm of life—1 John 5:11-12:
    - 1 John 5:11 And this is the testimony, that God gave to us eternal life and this life is in His Son.
    - 1 John 5:12 He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.
    - a. To be transferred into the kingdom of the Son of the Father’s love is to be transferred into the Son, who is life to us—Col. 3:4.
      - Col 3:4 When Christ our life is manifested, then you also will be manifested with Him in glory.
    - b. The Son as resurrection is now the life-giving Spirit, and He rules us in His resurrection life with His love—1 Pet. 1:3; Rom. 6:3-4; 1 Cor. 15:45b.
      - 1 Pet 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has regenerated us unto a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
      - Rom 6:3 Or are you ignorant that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?
      - Rom 6:4 We have been buried therefore with Him through baptism into His death, in order that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so also we might walk in newness of life.
      - 1 Cor 15:45b ... the last Adam became a life-giving Spirit.
    - c. When we live by the Son as our life in resurrection, we are living in His kingdom, enjoying Him in the Father’s love—John 6:57.
      - John 6:57 As the living Father has sent Me and I live because of the Father, so he who eats Me, he also shall live because of Me.
  3. The fact that we have been transferred into the kingdom of the Son of God’s love indicates that this realm of life is in love, not in fear—Col. 1:13:
    - Col 1:13 Who delivered us out of the authority of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,
    - a. The kingdom in which we find ourselves today is a realm full of life, light, and love—1 John 1:1-2, 5, 7; 4:8, 16.
      - 1 John 1:1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we beheld and our hands handled, concerning the Word of life
      - 1 John 1:2 (And the life was manifested, and we have seen and testify and report to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us);
      - 1 John 1:5 And this is the message which we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

- 1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from every sin.
- 1 John 4:8 He who does not love has not known God, because God is love.
- 1 John 4:16 And we know and have believed the love which God has in us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God and God abides in him.
- b. The Son as the object of the divine love becomes to us the embodiment of the divine life in the divine love with the authority of resurrection; this is the kingdom of the Son of God's love—Col. 1:13.
- Col 1:13 Who delivered us out of the authority of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,
- c. The Father has transferred us into a realm where we are ruled in love with life:
- 1) Here, under the heavenly ruling and restriction, we have genuine freedom in love, with life, and under light—Matt. 7:13-14.
- Matt 7:13 Enter in through the narrow gate, for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and many are those who enter through it.
- Matt 7:14 Because narrow is the gate and constricted is the way that leads to life, and few are those who find it.
- 2) Here in this kingdom we enjoy Christ and have the church life—Col. 1:12; 4:15-16.
- Col 1:12 Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you for a share of the allotted portion of the saints in the light;
- Col 4:15 Greet the brothers in Laodicea, as well as Nymphas and the church, which is in his house.
- Col 4:16 And when this letter is read among you, cause that it be read in the church of the Laodiceans also, and that you also read the one from Laodicea.
- C. The kingdom of the Son of God's love is a crucial aspect of God's will—1:9; 4:12:
- Col 1:9 Therefore we also, since the day we heard of it, do not cease praying and asking on your behalf that you may be filled with the full knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,
- Col 4:12 Epaphras, who is one of you, a slave of Christ Jesus, greets you, always struggling on your behalf in his prayers that you may stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God.
1. God is a God of purpose, having a will of His own pleasure, and He created all things for His will so that He might accomplish and fulfill His purpose—Rev. 4:11; Eph. 3:9-11.
- Rev 4:11 You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive the glory and the honor and the power, for You have created all things, and because of Your will they were, and were created.
- Eph 3:9 And to enlighten all that they may see what the economy of the mystery is, which throughout the ages has been hidden in God, who created all things,
- Eph 3:10 In order that now to the rulers and the authorities in the heavens the multifarious wisdom of God might be made known through the church,
- Eph 3:11 According to the eternal purpose which He made in Christ Jesus our Lord,
2. The Father's eternal will is to build up the church upon Christ the Son as the rock—Matt. 16:18; Eph. 2:21-22; 4:16.
- Matt 16:18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.
- Eph 2:21 In whom all the building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord;
- Eph 2:22 In whom you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in spirit.
- Eph 4:16 Out from whom all the Body, being joined together and being knit together through every joint of the rich supply and through the operation in the measure of each one part, causes the growth of the Body unto the building up of itself in love.



3. The will of God is to obtain a Body for Christ to be His fullness, His expression—Rom. 12:2-5; Eph. 1:5, 9, 11, 22-23.
    - Rom 12:2 And do not be fashioned according to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and well pleasing and perfect.
    - Rom 12:3 For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think, but to think so as to be sober-minded, as God has apportioned to each a measure of faith.
    - Rom 12:4 For just as in one body we have many members, and all the members do not have the same function,
    - Rom 12:5 So we who are many are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.
    - Eph 1:5 Predestinating us unto sonship through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,
    - Eph 1:9 Making known to us the mystery of His will according to His good pleasure, which He purposed in Himself,
    - Eph 1:11 In whom also we were designated as an inheritance, having been predestinated according to the purpose of the One who works all things according to the counsel of His will,
    - Eph 1:22 And He subjected all things under His feet and gave Him to be Head over all things to the church,
    - Eph 1:23 Which is His Body, the fullness of the One who fills all in all.
  4. The kingdom is absolutely a matter of God's will and completely fulfills His will; in fact, the kingdom is God's will—Matt. 6:10.
    - Matt 6:10 Your kingdom come; Your will be done, as in heaven, so also on earth.
  5. As the kingdom people, those who are living in the kingdom of the Son of God's love, we are here on earth to do the Father's will—7:21; 12:50.
    - Matt 7:21 Not everyone who says to Me, Lord, Lord, will enter into the kingdom of the heavens, but he who does the will of My Father who is in the heavens.
    - Matt 12:50 For whoever does the will of My Father who is in the heavens, he is My brother and sister and mother.
- D. In the kingdom of the Son of God's love, there is only one person—the all-inclusive Christ—and one way—the cross—Col. 2:9, 14-15:
- Col 2:9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily,
  - Col 2:14 Wiping out the handwriting in ordinances, which was against us, which was contrary to us; and He has taken it out of the way, nailing it to the cross.
  - Col 2:15 Stripping off the rulers and the authorities, He made a display of them openly, triumphing over them in it.
1. The one person, Christ, is the center, the focal point, of the universe—1:15-17.
    - Col 1:15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the Firstborn of all creation,
    - Col 1:16 Because in Him all things were created, in the heavens and on the earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or lordships or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through Him and unto Him.
    - Col 1:17 And He is before all things, and all things cohere in Him;
  2. God's intention is not to give us many items; He intends to give us one person, the all-inclusive Christ—2:10.
    - Col 2:10 And you have been made full in Him, who is the Head of all rule and authority.
  3. The cross is the center of God's government—vv. 14-15:
    - Col 2:14 Wiping out the handwriting in ordinances, which was against us, which was contrary to us; and He has taken it out of the way, nailing it to the cross.
    - Col 2:15 Stripping off the rulers and the authorities, He made a display of them openly, triumphing over them in it.
      - a. By the cross God has dealt with all the negative things in the universe.
      - b. God governs everything by the cross and deals with everything by the cross.
- E. In the kingdom of the Son of God's love, Christ has the first place, the preeminence, in all

things—1:18:

Col 1:18 And He is the Head of the Body, the church; He is the beginning, the Firstborn from the dead, that He Himself might have the first place in all things;

1. Both in the old creation and in the new creation, in the universe and in the church, Christ is the first and occupies the first place of preeminence.
2. If we see the vision of the preeminence of Christ, our Christian life and our church life will be revolutionized, for we will realize that in all things Christ must be first:
  - a. To give the Lord the first place in all things is to love Him with the first love, the best love—Rev. 2:4.  
Rev 2:4 But I have one thing against you, that you have left your first love.
  - b. In order to give Christ the preeminence, we must be willing to be adjusted, to be broken, and to be made nothing so that He can have a way in us, through us, and among us for the building up of His organic Body.
3. In the kingdom of the Son of God's love, we experience and enjoy Christ in His all-inclusiveness—Col. 1:12, 27; 2:9, 16-17; 3:1, 4, 11:

Col 1:12 Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you for a share of the allotted portion of the saints in the light;

Col 1:27 To whom God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory,

Col 2:9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily,

Col 2:16 Let no one therefore judge you in eating and in drinking or in respect of a feast or of a new moon or of the Sabbath,

Col 2:17 Which are a shadow of the things to come, but the body is of Christ.

Col 3:1 If therefore you were raised together with Christ, seek the things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.

Col 3:4 When Christ our life is manifested, then you also will be manifested with Him in glory.

Col 3:11 Where there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all and in all.

- a. Christ is the embodiment of the Triune God, the One in whom all the fullness of the Godhead dwells bodily—2:9.  
Col 2:9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily,
- b. Christ is our allotted portion, our good land—the divine inheritance for our enjoyment—1:12.  
Col 1:12 Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you for a share of the allotted portion of the saints in the light;
- c. Christ is the reality of every positive thing in the universe—2:16-17.  
Col 2:16 Let no one therefore judge you in eating and in drinking or in respect of a feast or of a new moon or of the Sabbath,  
Col 2:17 Which are a shadow of the things to come, but the body is of Christ.
- d. Christ is the One sitting at the right hand of God—3:1.  
Col 3:1 If therefore you were raised together with Christ, seek the things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.
- e. Christ dwells in us as our hope of glory—1:27.  
Col 1:27 To whom God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory,
- f. Christ is our life—3:4.  
Col 3:4 When Christ our life is manifested, then you also will be manifested with Him in glory.
- g. Christ is the constituent of the one new man—vv. 10-11.  
Col 3:10 And have put on the new man, which is being renewed unto full knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,  
Col 3:11 Where there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all and in all.



## Excerpts from the Ministry:

### **The Kingdom of the Son of God's Love**

Paul tells us that the Father has “delivered us out of the authority of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son of His love” (Col. 1:13). *The authority of darkness* denotes the authority of Satan. God is light, and Satan is darkness. God has delivered us out of Satan’s authority of darkness into God’s marvelous light. Darkness is Satan as death, but light is God as life. To be delivered out of the authority of darkness is to be delivered from the devil, who has the might of death (Heb. 2:14; John 17:15). We have been delivered from the devil, Satan, by the death of Christ (Col. 2:14-15) and by the life of Christ in resurrection (John 5:24).

We have not only been delivered out of the authority of darkness but also transferred into the kingdom of the Son of God’s love. The kingdom of the Son is the authority of Christ (Rev. 11:15; 12:10).

According to the New Testament, the Son of God is the expression of the divine life and its embodiment. This means that the kingdom of the Son is a realm of life. The fact that the kingdom into which we have been transferred is the kingdom of the Son of God’s love indicates that this realm of life is in love, not in fear. The kingdom in which we find ourselves today is a realm full of life, light, and love.

The Son of the Father is the expression of the Father as the source of life (John 1:18, 4; 1 John 1:2). The Father as the source of life is expressed in the Son. The Son of the Father’s love is the object of the Father’s love to be the embodiment of life to us in the divine love with the authority in resurrection. The Son, as the embodiment of the divine life, is the object of the Father’s love. The divine life embodied in the Son is given to us in the divine love. Therefore, the object of the divine love becomes to us the embodiment of life in the divine love with the authority in resurrection. This is the kingdom of the Son of His love.

To be transferred into the kingdom of the Son of the Father’s love is to be transferred into the Son who is life to us (1 John 5:12). The Son in resurrection (1 Pet. 1:3; Rom. 6:4-5) is now the life-giving Spirit (1 Cor. 15:45b). He rules us in His resurrection life with love. This is the kingdom of the Son of the Father’s love. When we live by the Son as our life in resurrection, we are living in His kingdom, enjoying Him in the Father’s love.

We have been transferred into a realm where we are ruled in love with life. Here, under the heavenly ruling and restriction, we have genuine freedom, the proper freedom in love, with life, and under light. This is what it means to be delivered out of the authority of darkness and transferred into the kingdom of the Son of the Father’s love. Here in this kingdom we enjoy Christ and have the church life.

### ***Comprising the Church in the Present Age, the Millennium in the Coming Age, and the New Heaven and New Earth in Eternity***

The kingdom of the Son of God’s love comprises three ages: the present age, in which the church is; the coming age, in which the millennial kingdom will be; and the eternal age with the New Jerusalem in the new heaven and the new earth. These three aspects of the kingdom are considered by Paul in Colossians 1:13 as the kingdom of the Son of God’s love.

The words *the Son of God* are a delight to the Father’s ears. When the Lord Jesus was baptized, the Father declared, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I delight” (Matt. 3:17). When the Lord was transfigured, the Father made the same declaration (Matt. 17:5). Because the Father delights in His Son, the kingdom of the Son of the Father’s love is a pleasant thing, a matter of delight. This is the reason it comprises only three sections—the section of the church life, the section of the heavenly part of the kingdom of the heavens in the millennium, and the new heaven and the new earth with the New

Jerusalem as the consummation of the church and the kingdom. In each of these three sections the kingdom of the Son of God's love is a matter of delight. The Father, by His mercy and grace, has transferred us out of the darkness of Satan into this pleasant part of the kingdom.

***The Stress in Colossians 1:13 Is the Kingdom of the Son of God's Love  
in This Age, Which Is the Reality of the Church***

The stress in Colossians 1:13 is the kingdom of the Son of God's love in this age, which is the reality of the church. The church life today is the kingdom of the Son of God's love, which is as delightful to God the Father as the Son of God is. We, the believers, all have been transferred into this delightful kingdom of the Son of God's love. God the Father loves the delightful part of the kingdom, just as He loves His delightful Son as His own. So, the church, as the delightful part of the divine kingdom, is considered a great blessing to God's redeemed people by the apostle Paul in the book of Colossians, a book which is on Christ as the all-inclusive portion of God's people (Col. 1:12).

***All the Believers Have Been Transferred  
into This Aspect of the Kingdom***

John 3:5 indicates that it is through regeneration that all the believers have been transferred into the kingdom of the Son of God's love. Through regeneration we have been brought out of the darkness of Satan into this delightful aspect of the kingdom. God loved the Son, so He gave this part of the kingdom to Him. Through God's salvation and regeneration, all the believers of His Son have been transferred into this section of the kingdom. (*The Conclusion of the New Testament*, pp. 2581-2584)