

Colossians 1:13: Delivered From The Power of Darkness

"Giving thanks unto the Father.....who hath delivered me from the power of darkness and translated me into the kingdom of His dear Son."

To understand the power of this statement, ***you must see yourself as a spirit.***

Before being born again, Sin ***controlled*** you.

Sin and Satan are the same.

You, the spirit, **were** a citizen of the spiritual kingdom of darkness.

When you were born again, the Spirit of Christ filled you, the spirit, **making** you a citizen of the spiritual Kingdom of God's dear Son.

Statement of Fact: Satan's rights to you were broken by the new birth.

The more you see this, the more he will lose his ability to control your soul (mind, will and emotions) and body.

Ask the Holy Spirit to:

- (1) enlighten your understanding of **this reality**, and
- (2) to help you **live it out** when facing Satan's attempts to still control you.

Your mind doesn't know what **has taken place** in you, the spirit unless you teach it with these 'New Creation Realities' from Paul's Revelation given to him directly by Jesus Christ.

Think, think, think about what is being said in Colossians 1:13, that you, the spirit (the real you) **has been translated out of/from under the control** of Satan and his kingdom and everything in **it**. Let it really **'soak'** into your inner man.

Then think, think, think about **where you have been transferred to: the Kingdom of God's dear Son and all the privileges therein.** Think about the additional definitions I have included with some of the verses below.

Say them to yourself....your mind, will, emotions and physical body are listening for the good news!



➤ "Giving thanks unto the Father.....who hath delivered me from the power of darkness and translated me into the kingdom of His dear Son."

...and conveyed me (the spirit) into the kingdom of the Son of His love. (New King James)
(conveyed: transported, carried, brought, moved, taken, transferred)

....rescued me from the DOMINION of darkness. (NIV)
(rescue: to save me from a dangerous or distressing situation)
(dominion: sovereignty, control, the territory of a sovereign or government, mastery, power, jurisdiction, superiority, supremacy)
(Darkness: spiritual/moral, sin, a condition of moral or spiritual depravity and all the fruits thereof, evil works, evil powers that dominate the world)

....delivered me from the DOMAIN of darkness. (English Standard)
(domain: an area of territory owned or controlled by a ruler or government; realm, kingdom, empire, dominion, province, sphere of influence)

.... Rescued me from the grip of the power of darkness. (Barclay)
(grip: take and keep a firm hold of, grasp tightly, clutch, clench, seize)
(power: this word in the Greek is 'exousia' and the definitions are to enlarge the scope of your deliverance, so we are going to look into them in depth below.)

.... Rescued me out of the darkness and gloom of Satan's kingdom. (Living Bible)
(gloom: dimness, blackness, murkiness, shadows, shade, despondency, depression, dejection, melancholy, downheartedness, sadness, misery, sorrow, wretchedness.)

.... It was the Father Who sprang me from the jail house of darkness and turned me loose in the new world of His Beloved Son. (Jordan)
(sprang: to rise, leap, act suddenly and swiftly, as by a sudden thrust forward or outward, or being suddenly release from a constrained position; to issue forth suddenly, to come into being.)

.... It was the Father Who delivered me out of the tyrannical rule of the darkness. (Wuest)
(tyrannical: oppressive, unjust, cruel, harsh, severe; the word is a form of Latin tyrannus, meaning 'illegitimate ruler'.)

.... Who has **made me free** from the power of evil and **given me a place** in the kingdom of the Son of His Love. (Basic English)

.... The Father has **delivered and drawn me to Himself** out of the control and dominion of darkness and has transferred me into the kingdom of the Son of His love. (Amplified)

.... For God has rescued me from the tyranny of Darkness and has removed me into the Kingdom of **his Son, who is the embodiment of His love**. (Twentieth Century)

.... For God has rescued me from the dominance exercised by the Power of Spiritual Darkness and transferred me to the Dominion of His Son - the Object of His love. (Wade)
(**dominance**: a position of mastery, dominion, authority.)

.... in whom I have been **ransomed** from captivity. (Goodspeed)
(**ransomed**: loosed; a redeemed slave who has become a freeman; a freed captive.
Jesus' Blood was the ransom money, His Blood paid for your sins and the payment for your sins achieved your ransom from captivity to Satan because of those sins.
Remember Luke 4:18 where Jesus said that He was anointed to set the captives free.)

....brought me instead into the **Empire** of His dear Son. (Adams)
(Empire: kingdom, domain, realm, territory, commonwealth, superpower)

....the **realm** of His dear Son. (Goodspeed)

....**created a place for** me in the kingdom of the Son that He loves. (Jerusalem Bible).

....**transplanted** me into the Kingdom of his dear Son. (Century)
(**transplanted**: move or transfer (something) to another place or situation, typically with some effort or upheaval; replant; repot; relocate. Think of the grafting into Jesus your Vine that took place when you were born again. You, the spirit, really were relocated, 'repotted'!)

....**carried me away** into the kingdom of his beloved Son. (Plain English)

....Who delivered me from the authority of darkness and caused **a change of sides** for the kingdom of the Son of his love. (Tomanek)

....rescued me from the grip of the **power** of darkness. (Barclay)



Power: Greek 'exousia'

- power of choice, liberty of doing as one pleases;
- physical and mental power;
- the power of authority (influence) and of right (privilege);
- the power of rule or government (the power of him whose will and commands must be submitted to by others and obeyed);
 -authority over mankind
 -the power of judicial decisions
 -the authority to manage domestic affairs
 -a thing subject to authority or rule/jurisdiction
 -one who possesses authority - a ruler, the leading and more powerful created beings superior to man, spiritual potentates.

Let's stop and look at what these definitions of exousia can mean to us in describing the kingdom of darkness and its operations in our lives. They are very telling.

First of all, let us remember that this word means, 'authority'.

How did Satan get his authority over the world and the human race? Adam.

Now let's go down through these definitions applying them to Satan:

- he was given the authority to do as he pleases and to make whatever choices he wanted to in oppressing mankind.
- he operates physically and mentally against us.
- he has the authority to influence and the privileges that go with it (to steal, kill and destroy).
- he has the authority to rule and exercise a government over our lives when we are citizens of his kingdom.
- he has authority:
 - a. over fallen mankind
 - b. to make judicial decisions (he can decide to lives, who dies, etc)
 - c. to get involved in our domestic affairs (and we wonder why families are disintegrating)
 - d.

Kenneth Wuest in his New Testament word studies says that this word, 'exousia' refers to tyranny, lawlessness. The expression 'the power of darkness' refers to the tyrannical rule of Satan and his demons over the unsaved.

This is one definition from one word of the kingdom of darkness. As a Christian, this definition does not apply to you. Make a list, and check it twice....eliminate his operations against your soul, body, home, lives.

The other Greek word for 'power' is actually what we think of normally as power, and is seen in the verse: "You shall receive **power** when the Holy Spirit comes upon you". This is the Greek word, 'dunamis':

- strength, power, ability
- **inherent** power, **power residing in** a thing by virtue of its **nature**, or which a person or thing exerts and puts forth. (Christ is you is the new nature with the resident power)
- power for performing miracles (**body**)
- moral power and excellence of **soul**
- the power and influence which belong to riches and wealth
- power and resources arising from numbers
- power consisting in or resting upon armies, forces, hosts - the corporate anointing of the Body of Christ.

Summing up the two:

Exousia is authority.

Dunamis is actual power.

Satan's authority over you was broken and you were given power/dunamis over any authority he would still try to exercise over you. You have authority over him in the Name of Jesus, but you also have an inherent power residing in you because Jesus, the All-Powerful one, lives in you by His Spirit and the Holy Spirit is a Spirit of dunamis.

You now have authority over Satan and power over Satan through the New Birth.

"It is no longer I that lives but Christ that lives in me," Galatians 2:20.



David Guzik Commentary:

He has delivered us from the power of darkness: Christians have been **delivered** from Satan's domain. The word has the idea of a rescue by a sovereign power.

- i. Another place where this same phrase for **power of darkness** is used is in Luke 22:53, where Jesus spoke of the darkness surrounding His arrest and passion in the same

terms. "These words refer to the sinister forces **marshaled against him for decisive combat in the spiritual realm.**" (Bruce)

ii. The **power of darkness** may be seen in its effects, and for those who have been **delivered ... from the power of darkness** these effects should be less and less evident in the life:

- The power of darkness lulls us to sleep.
- The power of darkness is skilled at concealment.
- The power of darkness afflicts and depresses man.
- The power of darkness can fascinate us.
- The power of darkness emboldens some men.

iii. "Beloved, we still are tempted by Satan, but we are not under his power; we have to fight with him, but we are not his slaves. He is not our king; he has no rights over us; we do not obey him; we will not listen to his temptations." (Spurgeon)

d. **And conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love:** According to Barclay, the word we translate **conveyed** had a special significance in the ancient world. When one empire conquered another, the custom was to take the population of the defeated empire and transfer it completely to the conqueror's land. It is in this sense that Paul says we have been **conveyed** into God's kingdom.



Delivered - Vine's Expository Dictionary

Greek: rhuomai

"to rescue from, to preserve from," and so, "to deliver."

This word is largely **synonymous with sozo: to save**, though the idea of "rescue from" is predominant in this Greek word: rhuomai; it also includes "preservation from," in sozo.

*This word is combined with the Greek 'ek', indicating deliver "from, out of," in **Colossians 1:13**, bondage;*

in 2 Peter 2:9, from temptation;

in 2 Timothy 3:11, from persecution;

in 2 Corinthians 1:10 Paul is saying that he is facing death daily, but that God had delivered him and he trusted that He would continue to do so.

Lightfoot Greek studies: The transference from darkness to light is here represented as a transference from an arbitrary tyranny, an exousia, to a well-ordered sovereignty, a kingdom. 'Translated' speaks of a change of situation or place.

'The Kingdom of His dear Son', or the Son who is the object of His (The Father's) love. Love is the true essence of this Kingdom. This is not a kingdom of inferior angels or Satan, but the Kingdom of the Exalted Christ, who rules.



Let's take the words and definitions that we have looked at from Colossians 1:13 and sum them up in a confession of praise:

When I was born again, I received a new Father and by this new birth, my new Father, transported, carried, moved, took me out of the kingdom of Satan. I was rescued from a dangerous and distressing situation....being ruled over by a spiritual tyrant. Satan's jurisdiction, superiority, supremacy, mastery and government over my life was broken. I was released from the evil powers that dominate the world. The nature of spiritual depravity/sin/Satan and the fruits thereof, was wiped out of me, the spirit. Satan ruled me through that nature and when that nature was wiped out/eradicated/annihilated when I was born again, Satan lost ANY RIGHT in my life.

The grip of the power of darkness, the clutch, the tight grasp that I had been in that influenced me physically, emotionally, mentally, in my relationships, decisions and actions, was loosed from my life. Gloom, blackness, murkiness, despondency, depression, downheartedness, sadness, misery, sorrow and wretchedness is no longer a part of my nature and I do not have to let these unfruitful works of darkness control me any longer.

Sprang from the jailhouse! That's me!!! The New Birth is a leap out of darkness, a rising up into freedom, a sudden, swift act, a sudden thrust forward, a sudden release, a new being springing forth that has never existed before!

Free! Free! Free! That's me!!!

I have been given a place in the Kingdom of God's Son, who is the embodiment of His love. He has delivered me and drawn me, the spirit, unto Himself by the ransom of the Blood of His Son. I am the Lord's freeman!

*A new life! A new me! In a new Empire....domain, territory, commonwealth, the realm of the Son of God's love. God **created a place FOR ME** when I accepted Jesus, His dear Son, as my Savior. He also carried me away from the kingdom of darkness. He re-potted me, relocated me, the spirit -the New Creation - replanted me in a new Kingdom. Love is the true essence of this Kingdom. This is not a kingdom of inferior angels or Satan, but it is the Kingdom of the Exalted Christ, who rules.*

I CHANGED SIDES!!!! From darkness to light, from the power (authority) of Satan unto the power (dunamis) of God. I have an inheritance in that Kingdom! This is just the beginning of learning about it.

Because I am no longer Satan's subject, he has no authority over me and is a trespasser in my life. I have all-authority over him in the Name of Jesus, and I have dunamis residing in me because Jesus, the All-Powerful one, lives in me by His Spirit.

I thank You, Father, that You have translated me out of the kingdom of darkness and into the Kingdom of the Son of Your love.

I pray now that you will help me to learn my rights and privileges in that Kingdom and to walk in the authority and power of it, in Jesus' Name, Amen.

