

"He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins" (Colossians 1:13-14 - NKJV)

This is one of my most favourite Scriptures. It is filled with Kingdom truth, and clearly states the powerful key that brought destruction to the kingdom of darkness - Redemption through His blood!

Colossians 1:13-14 tells us we have:

- Been delivered from the power of darkness
- Been conveyed (transferred) into the kingdom of Jesus Christ (the Son of His love)
- Received redemption through the blood of Jesus Christ
- Received forgiveness of sins

When used as a *weapon of warfare* (ref. 2 Corinthians 10:4-5), this Scripture can bring down the strongholds and principalities fighting to keep you locked in spiritual darkness and captivity. Because there is Power in the blood of Jesus Christ!

WHAT IS THE "POWER OF DARKNESS"?

The *power of darkness* refers to the kingdom of Satan, also known as the Devil:

- **Satan:** *Satanas* (Satan the tempter, adversary)
- Devil: Diabolos (False accuser, the devil)

SATAN IS:

- **The ruler of this world:** *"I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me."* (John 14:30)
- **The deceiver, who deceives the whole world:** *"So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him."* (Revelation 12:9)
- **The accuser of the brethren:** "Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down." (Revelation 11:10)

- A liar and a murderer: Jesus said: "Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word.⁴⁴ you are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it." (John 8:43-44)
- Satan's kingdom is about keeping people in captivity: "A servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, ²⁵ in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, ²⁶ and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will." (2 Timothy 2:26)
- Satan keeps people in spiritual darkness: "But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, ⁴ whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them." (2 Corinthians 4:3-4)

However, there is an answer: "He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love (Jesus Christ), ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins." (Colossians 1:13-14)

WHAT IS "THE KINGDOM OF THE SON OF HIS LOVE?"

The Kingdom of the Son of His love refers to the Kingdom of Jesus Christ.

We have read the darkness and captivity which Satan's kingdom represents; however, the Kingdom of Jesus Christ is a Kingdom of love, peace, liberation, and eternal life.

THE KINGDOM OF JESUS CHRIST IS:

- **Not of this world:** *"Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here.'"* (John 18:36)
- **A Kingdom of truth:** "Jesus answered, 'You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice." (John 18:37)
- **A Kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy:** *"For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit."* (Romans 14:17)
- **A Kingdom of power:** *"For the kingdom of God is not in word but in power."* (1 Corinthians 4:20)
- An eternal Kingdom: "Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom the one which shall not be destroyed." (Daniel 7:14)

JESUS CHRIST IS:

- **The Son of God:** "So when the centurion and those with him, who were guarding Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they feared greatly, saying, "Truly this was the Son of God!" (Matthew 27:54)
- **The True and Living God of eternal life:** "And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life." (1 John 5:20)
- Anointed by God to set the captive free: "The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; ¹⁹ to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD." (Luke 4:18-19)
- **The One who takes away the sin of the world:** *"The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"* (John 1:29)
- **The One who destroys all condemnation:** *"There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit."* (Romans 8:1)
- *"For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."* (John 3:17)

HOW HAVE WE BEEN DELIVERED FROM DARKNESS?

"He has delivered us from the power of darkness..." (Colossians 1:13)

The only way to be delivered from the power of darkness is through *the blood* of Jesus Christ:

- **1 CORINTHIANS 1:18** ~ "For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."
- **1 PETER 1:18-19**~ "Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot."

THE BLOOD OF JESUS BRINGS REDEMPTION:

"In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins." (Colossians 1:14)

Every person who walks planet earth needs *redemption*, and the only person who can *redeem* us is Jesus Christ (the True and Living God).

- **ROMANS 3:23-24** ~ "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus."

Redemption means: The action of saving or being saved from sin, error, or evil. **Redeem means:** To "Buy out"; to gain or regain possession of something in exchange for payment. Through sin we are slaves of the devil and of darkness. But the good news is, Jesus paid the price for our *redemption* through the shedding of His own blood on the cross.

Through the blood of Jesus Christ, we have been saved from our sin, delivered from darkness, and have been brought back to God.

When a person accepts Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour they are instantly justified and *redeemed* through the grace and blood of Jesus Christ:

REDEMPTION THROUGH THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST DESTROYS ALL EVIL:

- **1 JOHN 3:8** ~ "The Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil."

The works of the devil that have been destroyed include (but not limited to):

- The Devil/Satan Himself
- All his kingdom, demons, and dominion
- His power and authority
- His power over death and destruction
- The power of sin, and the power sin has over a person
- Sickness and disease

REDEMPTION THROUGH THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST BRINGS FORGIVENESS OF SINS:

- **MATTHEW 26:28** ~ "For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins."
- **EPHESIANS 1:7** ~ "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace."
- **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 Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin."
- **ISAIAH 43:25** ~ "I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake; and I will not remember your sins."

Before I met Jesus Christ, I lived a very dark life. I was an alcoholic and drug abuser; consumed in sin and addiction. But at the darkest time of my life, I called out to Jesus Christ, and He came to me; instantly delivering me of all addictions and darkness.

The moment I asked Jesus into my life, the first words I heard were: "Everything you have ever done has been forgiven."

Jesus had paid the price of my *redemption* through His blood, and I was able to walk forward completely justified before God. I had been washed in the blood of Christ and I received new life and new hope in Him. The sins that I had committed before God had been totally forgiven and removed from me.

- **PSALM 103:11-12** ~ "For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; ¹² As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us."

REDEMPTION THROUGH THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST BREAKS EVERY CURSE OFF YOUR LIFE:

- **GALATIANS 3:13** "Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, 'cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree')"

I was once asked to pray for a lady who was regularly getting sick and afflicted at the same time of each month. On this occasion she was suffering from a bad case of shingles. It turned out someone had placed a curse on her and the constant sickness she was fighting was due to this evil.

During a short ministry time, I rebuked and broke the *curse* through the powerful Name and Blood of Jesus Christ, and the lady was instantly healed. The red itchy rash caused by shingles immediately disappeared and she never again suffered regular sickness, or affliction, the way she had been.

This curse of darkness was destroyed through the Redeeming Blood and Power of Jesus Christ!

REDEMPTION THROUGH THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST BRINGS PEACE AND MENTAL HEALTH:

- **COLOSSIANS 1:19-22** ~ "For it pleased the father that in him all the fullness should dwell, ²⁰ and by him to reconcile all things to himself, by him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of his cross. ²¹ and you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now he has reconciled ²² in the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in his sight."

In Christian Ministry, I have seen multiple people instantly healed of depression, PTSD, anxiety, fear, and torment (myself included). All because of the redemption power found only in the blood of Jesus Christ.

REDEMPTION THROUGH THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST CLEANSES YOUR CONSCIENCE:

 HEBREWS 9:14 ~ "How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?"

The Devil tries to camouflage our true freedom in Christ by bringing back memories and failings of our past. He uses feelings such as condemnation, guilt, shame, failure, and hopelessness to hinder our *breaking forth* into the new life Christ has brought for every person who believes.

However, the redemptive blood of Jesus Christ does not just cover over any feelings of condemnation and inadequacy, the blood of Jesus Christ contains the power and life to completely remove these broken feelings all together.

- **ROMANS 8:1** ~ "There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit."

REDEMPTION THROUGH THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST DESTROYS LEGAL HOLDS:

COLOSSIANS 2:13-14~ "And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, ¹⁴ having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross."

Powerless religion will always make you feel like you haven't done enough; that more is required from you to find complete freedom and breakthrough.

However, through the blood of Jesus Christ anything and everything that could be held against you has been taken away and nailed to the cross; His blood has washed you clean. Jesus paid the ultimate price for your redemption; it is time to believe this and walk in it.

REDEMPTION THROUGH THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST BRINGS HEALING:

- **1 PETER 2:24** ~ "Who himself bore our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed."
- PSALM 103:2-4 ~ "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: ³ Who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases, ⁴ Who redeems your life from destruction, who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies."

Jesus Christ is the ultimate healer. Whether it be sickness or disease, physical or emotional, Jesus has paid the price for your healing through His own blood on the cross. Through His blood you are worthy of healing, because by His stripes/wounds you were healed.

REDEMPTION THROUGH THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST PROVIDES PROVISION FOR EVERY NEED:

- ISAIAH 53:4-7 ~ "Surely He has borne our grief and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵ But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. ⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. ⁷ He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He opened not his mouth."

Whatever you need, the answer is in Jesus Christ. Everything comes from Him, and He paid the price through His own blood, for your freedom and redemption. When you look to the cross and put your faith in the redeeming blood of Jesus Christ, and declare His truth over your life, you will see a breakthrough, and you will overcome any battle that has come against you:

REVELATION 12:10-11 ~ "Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. ¹¹ And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death."

REDEMPTION THROUGH THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST; ETERNAL LIFE:

The powerful truth of our focus Scripture, Colossians 1:13-14, is this: Jesus Christ, through the shedding of His own blood on the cross, destroyed all darkness, and defeated Satan; making the way for you to come into a place of breakthrough, love, and peace.

In addition to this, Jesus Christ, through His own blood, paid the ultimate price for you to receive the true gift of redemption; eternal life with Him and the Father, Almighty God.

- **ROMANS 6:23** ~ *"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

Jesus Christ said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6). There is no other way to the Father, or to eternal life, except through Jesus Christ His Son, and the saving power found only in His redeeming blood.

Almighty God will receive no other sacrifice, offering, or *good behaviour*. Only through the redeeming blood of His Son Jesus Christ will the *Father* deliver you from spiritual darkness and welcome you into His Kingdom.

- **JOHN 3:16-17** ~ "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. ¹⁷ For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."

MAKE THE RIGHT DECISION TODAY:

ROMANS 10:9 says, "If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

The decision is yours... Will you accept the truth that Jesus died for your sins? That there is healing and deliverance through His redeeming blood. That the power of death and darkness can be broken off your life right now, and you can come into the eternal Kingdom of love, joy, and peace.

If you wish to receive this incredible gift of salvation and new life, all you need to do is be prepared to turn away from all sin. Then simply put your faith in Jesus Christ and give your life to Him. You can do this by following this prayer:

Lord Jesus, I need Your forgiveness in my life. I thank You that You died on the cross to take away my sin. I now confess with my mouth that You are the Son of God and I believe in my heart that God raised You from the dead. Please wash me in Your redeeming blood, forgive me of all my sin, and deliver me from all darkness. I ask You Jesus to come into my life and be my Lord forever. I know I have a lot to learn, but I now ask that you please give me a new heart, and I ask You to fill me with Your precious Holy Spirit to guide my life forever and ever. Amen.

If this is the first time you have prayed such a prayer, asking Jesus Christ to be Lord of your life, then we encourage you either let us know, or seek out someone who follows Jesus Christ, and tell them you have given your life to Christ. They should be able to help you in the days ahead.

Be assured God will guide you in your new life and lead you forward in victory. Praise Jesus!

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." (2 Corinthians 5:17)

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