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Who You Are in Christ

Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: —Colossians 1:12 (KJV)*

- When I first got turned on to the Lord, this scripture was special to me because the Lord showed me that it wasn't just for those in the Bible. It is for us today.
- *Meet* means *able*, and God has made us able to be partakers.

Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: —Colossians 1:13

- I was dominated by negative thinking, and these verses showed me this has already happened and I just needed to appropriate it.

To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: —Colossians 1:27

- This opened my eyes to see that it's not Christ out there in the future when we get to heaven.
- It is Christ in me NOW!

That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; —Colossians 2:2

- That mystery, according to Colossians 1:27, is Christ in you.
- The next few verses tell us that Paul is saying this lest anybody beguile you, and this is where we are today.
- The number one sign of Christ's return, according to Matthew 24:11, is that there will be many false Christs (prophets) and a strong deception.
- We are living in those times.

And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words. —Colossians 2:4

- Paul was writing this so they would be able to discern and not fall for the lies.

For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ. —Colossians 2:5

- If you understand who you are in Christ, it will keep you from being deceived.
- The rest of Chapter 2 amplifies that it is not off in the future; it's something you have now.

And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;—Colossians 2:13-14

- God's already forgiven all our past, present, and future sins.
- He nailed all of the Old Testament law and the punishments assigned to them to the cross.

And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it. —Colossians 2:15

- The phrase that's translated as "*triumphing over them in it*" is a Greek word that describes a triumphant procession.
- Jesus made a triumphant procession over the enemy and paraded him naked through the streets, yet there are so many Christians attributing way too much power to the devil and are afraid of him.
- They missed the parade! We shouldn't be afraid of him because his only weapon is deception; he has no power!

Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ. —Colossians

- To "*set your affection*" means *to seize it by force and focus on it.*" It's not passive.

Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. —Colossians 3:2-3

And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. —Colossians 3:15

- The word *rule* in this verse means *umpire*. An umpire in baseball has to make a decision.
- We are to let peace help us make the decision—whatever we have the most peace about.
- The books of Ephesians and Colossians somewhat mirror each other, and when you put them together, it is powerful.