

JESUS OVER DARKNESS - COLOSSIANS 1:1-14

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This letter is from Paul, chosen by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and from our brother Timothy. We are writing to God's holy people in the city of Colosse, who are faithful brothers and sisters in Christ. May God our Father give you grace and peace. Colossians 1:1,2 NLT

Jesus wants His Children in a _____

We always pray for you, and we give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. For we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and your love for all of God's people, which come from your confident hope of what God has reserved for you in heaven. You have had this expectation ever since you first heard the truth of the Good News. Colossians 1:3-5 NLT

Jesus wants His Children _____ for Heaven

For when David had served God's purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep... Acts 13:36 NIV

This same Good News that came to you is going out all over the world. It is changing lives everywhere, just as it changed yours that very first day you heard and understood the truth about God's great kindness to sinners. Colossians 1:6 NLT

Epaphras, our much loved co-worker, was the one who brought you the Good News. He is Christ's faithful servant, and he is helping us in your place. He is the one who told us about the great love for others that the Holy Spirit has given you. Colossians 1:7,8 NLT

By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another. John 13:35 NIV

For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. Colossians 1:9 NIV

And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God...Colossians 1:10 NIV

We also pray that you will be strengthened with all his glorious power so you will have all the endurance and patience you need. May you be filled with joy, always thanking the Father. Colossians 1:11,12a NLT

He has enabled you to share in the inheritance that belongs to his people, who live in the light. For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins. Colossians 1:12b-14 NLT

Jesus _____ into His kingdom of LIGHT

QUESTIONS FOR GROUPS //

- *Read Colossians 1:1-14. What sticks out to you?*
- *Read verse 6 again. How has Jesus changed your life? When's the last time you shared that with someone?*
- *Read verses 9-10 again. Who was Paul praying for? What was he praying for? Why?*
- *Read verses 11-12 again. What can you "joyfully thank" Jesus for today?*
- *Read verses 12-14 again. What "darkness" do you, or someone you know, need to be rescued from?*
- *Share needs and pray for one another!*