

## **The Book of Colossians, Part 2**

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### **Opening Summary**

In part one of this study, you learned God qualified Christians to partake of the saints' inheritance in Christ Jesus, and faith and love work together. In this lesson, you will see as a Christian, you've been delivered from the authority of darkness and made a member of the kingdom of God now. Christ redeemed you. As a result, Jesus made peace between God and you.

- I. Col. 1:13: Christians have been delivered from the authority of darkness.
  - A. *Power* (Gk.: *exousia*) means *authority*.
  - B. Demon spirits have authority over all mankind except Christians.
  - C. Christians are members of the kingdom of God.
  - D. *Kingdom* (Gk.: *basileia*) means *royal*. Note: The Sistine Chapel in Rome.
  
- II. Col. 1:14: Christians are redeemed through the blood of Jesus.
  - A. *Redemption* (Gk.: *apolutrosis*) means *deliverance*.
  - B. Heb. 9:22: There is no deliverance without the shed blood of Jesus.
  
- III. Col. 1:15: *Image* (Gk.: *eikon*) means *representation*.
  - A. Jesus represents God in the earth.
  - B. Jesus was here first.
  - C. John 1:1-2: The Word was with God and the Word was God.
  - D. John 1:3: Nothing exists without Jesus.
  - E. Col. 1:16: Everything was created for Jesus. You were created for Jesus.
  
- IV. Col. 1:17-19: All things consist by Jesus.
  - A. Heb. 1:1-2: God always warns you in advance. You should always listen.
  - B. Heb. 1:3: *Upholding* means *bearing*. Jesus upholds all things by His Word (*rhema*).
  - C. He speaks and things obey.
  - D. There must have been a time when Jesus was separated from the Father.
    1. Heb. 1:4: When did the separation happen?
    2. 2 Cor. 5:21: Jesus did not know sin. God made Him sin to make us righteous in Him.
    3. Isa. 53:5-6: God laid our punishment on Jesus.
    4. Isa. 53:10: It pleased the Lord. Jesus was God's seed (1 Tim. 3:16).
    5. Ps. 9:17: Satan took Jesus to hell illegally. The wicked goes to hell. The innocent does not go to hell.
  - E. Gen. 3:15: This is prophecy referring to the time Jesus would take away sin.

- F. God chooses a race of people to cause this to happen (Gal. 3:19).
  - G. Col. 2:15: Satan takes an innocent Man to hell.
- V. Col. 1:20: Jesus made peace between us and God.
- A. This is a two-part operation: Jesus' blood must be shed. Then satan must be defeated (1 John 3:8).
  - B. Jesus started out with *all things*, gave up *all things*, and restored *all things* (Php. 2:5-11).
  - C. We, Christians, are Jesus' inheritance.
    1. We have His Spirit, His authority and His power (Acts 10:38).
    2. John 20:21: Jesus only did what God told Him to do. Jesus sent the disciples in the same way: They were to only do what He tells them.
    3. John 20:22-23: The disciples were born again.
    4. *Breathed* is the same word in Genesis 2:7. He *breathed* life into them.
  - D. Acts 1:3-8: The disciples received the same Spirit that was on Jesus.
    1. The power helps you witness. Nothing can stop you because of the power.
    2. If you believe as Jesus believes, nothing can stop you.
- VI. Col. 1:20-22: When God looks at you, He sees you as holy and righteous.
- A. It is illegal for satan to mess with you.
  - B. Holy Ghost power raised Jesus from the dead, and that same power raises you from your problems.
  - C. John 1:12: Jesus' authority is your authority.
- VII. When you believe you have His authority, it changes the way you pray.
- A. "In the name of Jesus" is not a postscript.
  - B. When you say "in Jesus' name" you're saying, *Father, just as you see Jesus as righteous and unblameable, you see me that way.*
  - C. Just like Jesus, you have a right to demand the devil to get out of your affairs!
  - D. The devil obeys you just as he obeyed Jesus.
  - E. Heb. 4:16: When you go to God, first He gives you mercy. Then He gives you grace/power to help you when you need it. Even if the problem is your fault.
- VIII. Christians have enough of the Spirit to handle any problem on earth.
- A. Obey God. Go and stay where God set you.
  - B. Give to others what God has given you.

### **Closing Summary**

Christians can walk in the authority of Jesus Christ. You've been delivered from the authority of darkness and made a member of the kingdom of God right now. Knowing that, you can pray to God, the Father, knowing He sees you as holy and righteous, because Christ has redeemed you. As a result, Jesus made peace between God and you. And when you go to Him, He first gives you mercy, then He gives you the help you need when you need it.