

## 50 POSITIONAL TRUTHS

### #32: “Delivered from the powers of darkness”

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The nanosecond a person trusts in Christ for salvation, God the Father rescues that person from the powers of darkness:

**Colossians 1:12** giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light. <sup>13</sup> For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,

This is a positional truth. Regardless of what the believer does for the rest of his life, positionally he has been removed from the domain of darkness. The goal is for the believer to live on an experiential level what he is on a positional level. A few points:

1. “Rescued” is *ruomai* which has the idea of drawing to one’s self, to rescue, to deliver. God, by His omnipotence as a mighty conqueror rescued every believer from darkness at the point of salvation. Prior to salvation, every person lives in the darkness of kosmos diabolicus (Eph. 2:1-3), and it is at salvation that each person receives his first taste of freedom.
2. “Power” is *exousia* and refers to a tyrannical or lawless power in this context. It refers to the capricious rule of Satan. Satan’s rules through the power of darkness. In Luke 22:53 the idea of the disordered power of darkness is present.
3. When God the Father rescued us from the domain of Satan and the fallen angels, He *triumphed over them through Christ*:

**Colossians 2:13** And when you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions, <sup>14</sup> having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us *and* which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. <sup>15</sup> When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him.

Now that we have been positionally rescued from kosmos diabolicus, let us press in the spiritual life to make this a reality. This requires really growing in Bible doctrine. All of the doctrines (Prolegomena, Bibliology, Theology Proper, Cosmology, Trinitarianism, Paterology, Christology, Pneumatology, Angelology, Anthropology, Natural Law, Hamartiology). Unfortunately, even though *all* believers have been positionally delivered from darkness of

Satan's cosmic system, *most* believers recorded in the Bible and who live today live in darkness with regard to these grand doctrines. We live in the most doctrinally dead age in church history. In the previous generation the saying was "God is dead," today it is "doctrine is dead." Even in doctrinal churches knowledge of the whole panoply of doctrines as outlined above is not known. Many think just because they hear and understand some dogmatic doctrine on the spiritual life that they are doctrinal, as if being doctrinal means one understands the doctrine on how to live the Christian way of life. They have reduced Bible doctrine to one area: how to live the spiritual life—period! They could neither define the nature of God or defend the Bible—even after decades of study. Doctrine has become only about them and their spiritual lives. The extent of the problem and darkness can be seen in their anti-intellectualism and what's worse: distaste for other doctrines about God Himself, Esse! Their ignorance about the other doctrines testifies to their darkness. Satan will do anything and everything to keep believers from being able to think through and use all of the doctrines. He is absolutely opposed to any believer growing the mind in the truths of God. He fights vigorously to keep believers stupid and superstitious without them even knowing it—such is the power of darkness—ugh!

In Christ,

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