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Have you ever been rescued? Have you ever rescued someone? When I was about 10 or 11, my friend woke me up by banging on my window, saying, “Get out of your house! Smoke is coming out the doors! Your house is on fire!” Now, normally, I hate to be woken up. Ask my kids. But if or when it comes to life or death, wake me up! When I was in trouble, I needed to be rescued from a smoke-filled house to a yard with fresh air.

Every one of us today who is a follower of Christ has been rescued. But it’s not from a smoking house; it’s from a destructive force. What am I talking about? Let’s turn to Colossians 1:13 to understand our rescue.

“For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son” (Col. 1:13, NLT).

Paul has just talked about praying for some much-needed knowledge, perseverance, patience, and joy. These are possible, because God gave us His power to endure life’s hardships and pitfalls. But how did this become possible?

The answer is Jesus rescued us from the Kingdom of Darkness. Now, most people don’t think this way. They think the world and it’s inhabitants are good. People are basically good. Their desires are basically good. The world is a great place. So what’s the big deal? Well, the reality is people are not good. The world is corrupt. The world and people are under the control or authority of Satan.

The Bible says the human heart is desperately wicked (Jer. 17:9). King David would indicate we are all born sinful (Psalm 51:5). We were born enemies of God (Rom. 5:10). We are not born children of God. So Paul declares that Jesus rescues us. He grabs the spiritually dead corpses that are drowning in sin, and pulls us up to the shore, and says, “Live!” When He does that, He changes our status from child of darkness to child of light. He transforms us from broken to masterpieces. He changes our nametag from “Enemy” to “Child of the King”.

Paul says that He transfers us to the Kingdom of His beloved Son. The Greek text literally reads, “the Son of His love.” The Father gives the Kingdom to the Son He loves, then to everyone who loves the Son (Luke 12:32).

So this is my challenge for you: How are you still living as a child of darkness? We are now children of the King. That means Jesus is King. That means we are not. Yes, we have free will, but Jesus has given us keys to the Kingdom. Let's live like princes and princesses who are ambassadors for the King.

So what is it in your life that needs to change to show your royal status? Identify that one thing and ask God to change it for you.

It is a privilege to be children of the King. It's my prayer we all live like it each and every day.