

## Deliverance; Colossians 1:13-14

- I. Deliverance
  - A. Saved from harm or detriment
  - B. Do we need to be rescued? (Yes)
  - C. God's word has been one deliverance after another
- II. The Kingdom
  - A. I think that we get caught up in a future deliverance
    - 1. We think of death as such a deliverance — from this world of temptation and wickedness to heaven
    - 2. We sing songs like "This World is Not My Home" and "I'll Fly Away" (good songs)
    - 3. Our focus should be on the 'here and now'
    - 4. We have been transferred to the kingdom (past tense)
    - 5. "Josephus uses it of the deportation of the Israelites by the Assyrian king." <sup>1</sup>
    - 6. "By the use of the same word here, Paul declared the defeat of the evil kingdom, the vanquishing of its ruler Satan, the release of his captives and the transplanting of them into a wholly new and marvelously better environment." <sup>2</sup>
    - 7. We have been delivered!
  - B. The kingdom is here
    - 1. While heaven is a real place and we will eventually be there with God (if we remain steadfast), the kingdom of God is now and those of us who belong to Christ are members of it
    - 2. Jesus preached, and told His apostles to preach, the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand (nearby) — Matthew 3:2; 4:17; 10:7
    - 3. Mark 9:1 (ESV); And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God after it has come with power."
  - C. We are not waiting for a future kingdom — we may be waiting for heaven
- III. Delivered
  - A. God had given us many examples of His deliverance
    - 1. God delivered Abram out of the hands of Pharaoh
    - 2. Genesis 12:15–20 (ESV); <sup>15</sup> And when the princes of Pharaoh saw her, they praised her to Pharaoh. And the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house. <sup>16</sup> And for her sake he dealt well with Abram; and he had sheep, oxen, male donkeys, male servants, female servants, female donkeys, and camels. <sup>17</sup> But the Lord afflicted Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram's wife. <sup>18</sup> So Pharaoh called Abram and said, "What is this you have done to me? Why did you not tell me that she was your wife? <sup>19</sup> Why did you say, 'She is my sister,' so that I took her for my wife? Now then, here is your wife; take her, and go." <sup>20</sup> And Pharaoh gave men orders concerning him, and they sent him away with his wife and all that he had.
    - 3. God delivered Joseph out of the hands of his brothers
    - 4. Genesis 37:18–22 (ESV); <sup>18</sup> They saw him from afar, and before he came near to them they conspired against him to kill him. <sup>19</sup> They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. <sup>20</sup> Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits. Then we will say that a fierce animal has devoured him, and we will see what will become of his dreams." <sup>21</sup> But when Reuben heard it, he rescued him out of their

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<sup>1</sup> G. G. Findlay, Colossians in The Pulpit Commentary, Vol. 19 (Grand Rapids, Michigan: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1950), p. 6.

<sup>2</sup> Coffman, James Burton. "Commentary on Colossians 1:13". "Coffman Commentaries on the Old and New Testament". <https://www.studydrive.org/commentaries/bcc/colossians-1.html>. Abilene Christian University Press, Abilene, Texas, USA. 1983-1999.

hands, saying, "Let us not take his life."<sup>22</sup> And Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but do not lay a hand on him"—that he might rescue him out of their hand to restore him to his father.

5. God delivers Israel from the famine
6. Genesis 45:4–7 (ESV); <sup>4</sup> So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, please." And they came near. And he said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup> And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup> For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup> And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors.
7. God delivers Israel from Haman
8. Esther 9:1 (ESV); <sup>1</sup> Now in the twelfth month, which is the month of Adar, on the thirteenth day of the same, when the king's command and edict were about to be carried out, on the very day when the enemies of the Jews hoped to gain the mastery over them, the reverse occurred: the Jews gained mastery over those who hated them.

B. These deliverances were for certain people like Abraham, Joseph and his family, the nation of Israel

C. We have been delivered as well

D. Genesis 12:1–3 (ESV); <sup>1</sup> Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup> And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

#### IV. Complete Deliverance

A. We need deliverance

1. Since the garden we have had a problem with sin
  - a) Cain and Abel
  - b) Noah and the Flood
  - c) The tower of Babel
  - d) Joseph's brothers (all these are just in the first book, Genesis)
  - e) You can read every book of the Bible and see that mankind has a sin problem
2. Romans 3:23 (ESV); for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
3. We all need deliverance!
4. Which is why God gave the promise to Abraham in Genesis 12:3

B. Galatians 3:16 (ESV); Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, "And to offsprings," referring to many, but referring to one, "And to your offspring," who is Christ.

C. The Messiah is our deliverer — He saves us from harm or detriment (hell)

1. Hebrews 9:27–28 (ESV); <sup>27</sup> And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, <sup>28</sup> so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.
2. His death has already won us the victory — we have been (past tense) delivered, rescued, saved!

D. All we need is Jesus' blood

1. Hebrews 13:12 (ESV); So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood.
2. And we contact His blood through our enactment of His death
3. Romans 6:3–7 (ESV); <sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup> For if we have been

united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup> For one who has died has been set free from sin.

- V. Rescued?
  - A. Have you been delivered, saved, rescued, redeemed?
  - B. You need deliverance
  - C. You will only find it in Jesus who is the Messiah