

## A Glorious Power Brought Change for The Believer.

Text: **Colossians 1:10 - 14** *"That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; (11) Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness; (12) Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: (13) Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son (14) In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:"*

People change in a lot of ways, some for better and some for worse. But a person cannot change what they are by nature, a person may disguise yourself as something different, but nature is what God has made it. Sometimes people just simply cannot grasp our nature, we are by nature sinners. Sinners are everyone who has failed Gods laws. **1 John 3:4** *"Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law."* Our first parents broke God's law, they eat of the forbidden fruit, and the punishment was more than not only they, but we all could not bear. **Romans 5:12** *"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:"* Since man cannot change their nature they cannot change who they are in life, a lost and dying sinner. People can deny the Power of the Father in Election, the Power of the death, burial, resurrection, and the Power of the blood of Jesus, and they can even deny the Power of the Holy Spirit in bringing one to salvation in Jesus Christ, but if they have not this Glorious change in their life then they are not saved. No more can a leopard change his spots or an Ethiopian change the color of their skin can a person change who they are. Why not, because mankind is accustomed only to do evil. **Jeremiah 13:23** *"Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil."* Only the Glorious Power of God can bring real change as He gives us a new nature which is accustomed to do good. This is what we want to look at this morning.

### A. Glorious Power Brings "Strength".

1. Mankind has no strength to bring change, therefore it must come from God. V. 11"  
*Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power..."*

2. Outside of God's glorious power we can do nothing to please God. Paul said in **Philippians 4:13** "*I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.*" Meaning outside of Christ and His power we can do nothing good for God.
  3. All kinds of strength belong to God, physical, intellectual, and moral, Nothing is too hard for God, but without Him nothing is possible with us.
  4. Jesus said, and you must listen very closely to Him here, **John 15:4 - 5** "*Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. (5) I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.*"
  5. Why can't mankind please God and change on their own?
    - a. They are dead in sin, born dead spiritually and God must be worshiped in spirit. **Ephesians 2:1** "*And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;*" The dead cannot give themselves life it is impossible. **Colossians 2:13** "*And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;*"
    - b. Sin separates mankind from God. **Isaiah 59:2 - 4** "*But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear. (3) For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue hath muttered perverseness. (4) None calleth for justice, nor any pleadeth for truth: they trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity.*"
    - c. People are Satan's servants. **John 8:43 - 45** "*Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word. (44) Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. (45) And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not.*"
- B. Satan's Power V. 13 "*Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son*"

1. It is because of our weakness in the flesh, our being controlled by Satan and his power, our love for sin and hatred for God is why God said “which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:” V. 12
  - a. The words “which hath made us meet” means – to enable us – This means that God enabled us.
  - b. **Albert Barnes said** “The word conveys the idea of having sufficient or enough to accomplish anything” because we are unable to accomplish them. **Proverbs 16:1 – 2** “*The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, is from the LORD. (2) All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes; but the LORD weigheth the spirits.*”
2. The Darkness is the blinding by Satan that all people have because of sin. **2 Corinthians 4:3 - 4** “*But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.*”
3. People do not understand Satan’s power over them. They cannot understand the power of sin over them. This is why talk of self-repentance is impossible. **Ephesians 6:12** “For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.”
4. The word “*translated*” means - to transfer – Not that we are transferring ourselves, but God transferring us from Satan’s blinding power to Jesus Christ’s glorious light.
5. People really do not see this power of keeping them in sin, they do not recognize their wrong and sin, because they are blinded, and it is nature to them.
6. We are transferred From Satan’s kingdom to Jesus Kingdom.

#### C. Conclusion

1. **Colossians 1:10** “That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;”
2. Our walking WORTHY and pleasing to the Lord, this is to God’s glory. This is why God created things, this is why God saved us and made us His children, it is all for His glory.



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