

Rescued

Colossians 1:13-14



Prior to our text, vss. 9-12:

Paul prays for their continued spiritual growth.

After our text, vss. 15-22:

Paul describes the preeminence of Christ and the salvation they have experienced, vss. 15-23.

Our text:

Colossians 1:13-14

13 For He delivered (rescued) us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

What God has done –

We have been rescued

Where we were moved from and to –

From darkness to light

How God did it –

By redeeming and forgiving

**How do we respond to
God's rescue effort?**

First, we must "grab hold."



You must embrace God's plan.

**Acts 26:19 - Consequently,
King Agrippa, I did not prove
disobedient to the heavenly
vision.**

Not only do we need to grab hold...

...we must also let go.



For our benefit spiritually, there are things we have to let go of.

We may need to let go of...

Possessions

People: family, friends

The world

Philippians 3:7-8

7 But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. 8 More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish in order that I may gain Christ.

Not only do we need to grab hold...

...and let go...

...we also must hold on.

We want to finish well.



Be faithful to the end:

Hebrews 10:23 - Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

We need to be rescued.

Ephesians 2:1 - And you were dead in your trespasses and sins.

God has initiated the rescue process.

Galatians 4:4-5

4 But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, 5 in order that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

You must respond to God.

Rom 6:17-18 - But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed, and having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

1 Peter 1:22-23 - Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart, for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and abiding word of God.