



**“Four Reasons to Always  
be Thankful”**

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A Christian has 4 reasons to joyfully give thanks and praise to God, our Heavenly Father:

- I. Through Christ we have been **QUALIFIED** to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light (v.12).

Qualified / Hikanoo = “to make sufficient, to qualify,  
to empower, to authorize, or to make fit.”

- II. Through Christ we have been **RESCUED** from the dominion (power) of darkness (v.13a).

Rescued / Rhoumai = “to be delivered from danger,  
to draw to one’s self.”

*Sermon Notes (continued)*

- III. Through Christ we have been **BROUGHT** (transferred) into the kingdom of the Son He loves (v.13b).

Brought / methistemi = “to transfer, to remove from one place to another, a change of situation or place.”

- IV. Through Christ we have been **REDEEMED** and forgiven of our sin (v.14).

Redemption / Apolutrosis = “to deliver by payment of a ransom,  
to loose, to release, to permanently set free.”

**My Next Steps This Week:**

- I will contact the church office for more information about how I can know Christ as my Personal Lord and Savior.
- I will begin each day with prayer and specifically thank and praise my Heavenly Father for the four blessings found in Colossians 1:12-14.
- I will do my best to live like an Heir to the Kingdom of God.
- I plan on attending the National Day of Prayer event on May 6 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. at Valrico State Bank (Hwy.60 and Valrico Road).

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