

Message Four

The Kingdom of God as the Kingdom of the Son of God's Love

Scripture Reading: Col. 1:13; 1 Pet. 2:9; 1 John 1:5; 5:11-12; 4:8, 16

**I. The Father has "delivered us out of the authority of darkness"--
Col. 1:13:**

- A. The authority of darkness denotes the authority of Satan--
Matt. 12:26:
 - 1. Darkness is Satan as death-Heb. 2:14.
 - 2. Light is God as life-1 John 1:5-6.
- B. To be delivered out of the authority of darkness is to be
delivered from the devil, who has the might of death-Heb.
2:14; John 17:15.
- C. We have been delivered from the devil, Satan, by the death
of Christ and by the life of Christ in resurrection-Col.
2:14-15; John 5:24.
- D. The Father has delivered us out of Satan's authority of
darkness into God's marvelous light-1 Pet. 2:9.

**II. The Father has "transferred us into the kingdom of the Son
of His love"-Col. 1:13:**

- A. The kingdom of the Son is the authority of Christ-Rev. 11:15;
12:10.
- B. The Son of God is the embodiment and expression of the divine
life; therefore, the kingdom of the Son is a realm of life-1
John 5:11-12:
 - 1. To be transferred into the kingdom of the Son of the
Father's love is to be transferred into the Son, who
is life to us-Col. 3:4.
 - 2. The Son in resurrection is now the life-giving Spirit,
and He rules us in His resurrection life with His love-1
Pet. 1:3; Rom. 6:3-4; 1 Cor. 15:45b.
 - 3. When we live by the Son as our life in resurrection,
we are living in His kingdom, enjoying Him in the Father's
love-John 6:57.
- C. The fact that we have been transferred into the kingdom
of the Son of God's love indicates that this realm of life
is in love, not in fear-Col. 1:13:
 - 1. The kingdom in which we find ourselves today is a realm
full of life, light, and love-1 John 1:1-2; 5, 7; 4:8,
16.

2. The Son as the object of the divine love becomes to us the embodiment of the divine life in the divine love with the authority of resurrection; this is the kingdom of the Son of God's love.
3. The Father has transferred us into a realm where we are ruled in love with life:
 - a. Here, under the heavenly ruling and restriction, we have genuine freedom in love, with life, and under light-Matt. 7:13-14.
 - b. Here in this kingdom we enjoy Christ and have the church life-Col. 1:12; 4:15-16.
- D. In the kingdom of the Son of God's love, the will of God is carried out-Rev. 4:11; Eph. 1:5, 9, 11; Col. 1:9; 4:12.