

November 19, 2017  
**Colossians 1:12-14**

## **Joyfully Giving Thanks to the Father**

Have you experienced ingratitude?

Have you been left out or excluded?

### **God qualified you            v. 12**

We were disqualified (*Ephesians 2; Colossians 1:21*)  
*Write a description of the unbeliever before God.*

God qualified you

### **God rescued you            v. 13**

(*Matthew 28:18; Luke 22:5; Ephesians 2:1; Hebrews 2:15*)

### **God transferred you        v. 13**

Defeated the tyranny of darkness  
(*Colossians 2:15*)

Already/Not yet

# God redeemed you v. 14

Redemption

*(Ephesians 1:6-7)*

In Jesus Christ

Forgiveness of sins

*You have 4 reasons right here to thank the Father.  
Have you thanked him?*

*Do you know him? Have you trusted Jesus as your Savior,  
or are you still excluded from God? He wants to include you  
today. It's up to you.*

## Questions for Discussion

1. Describe a time when someone was not grateful and it showed. Describe a time when someone was truly grateful.
2. How does it feel to be excluded or left out?
3. When did you come to know Jesus? Why is it so easy to forget who we used to be (spiritually speaking)?
4. When we learned that God qualified us for an inheritance in heaven with the saints, what stood out most to you?
5. How might a person “live out” the fact that they have been rescued from the domain of darkness and put in Jesus’ kingdom? What would it look like in his or her life?
6. What blessings of Jesus’ kingdom do we enjoy today? What blessings have been promised that are part of the “not yet”?
7. How should we live since we have been forgiven in Christ? What difference should it make in our lives?
8. What does all this have to say about the exclusivity of forgiveness (or redemption) in Jesus Christ?