

**November 24, 2019 – Colossians 1:13-20** (NIV)

**Theme: Jesus Is God & King!**

**“For He (God The Father) has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the Kingdom of the Son He loves, in Whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. And He is the head of the body, the church; He is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything He might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through His blood, shed on the cross.”**

There was a 4 Alarm Fire at a Triple Decker home. There were reports that a resident and a baby were trapped inside. Three Firefighters went inside the house to rescue the reported resident and baby still trapped in the house. But things became so treacherous that two of the firefighters were in need of assistance, and so they needed to be rescued by one of their own.

Unfortunately the one firefighter who rescued the two, he died. He left behind a wife and three children. Despite all the training and the equipment available, this one firefighter could not save himself.

Who is able to rescue us from the fires of Hell? This section of Scripture tells us:

GOD rescued us (– Ερρυσατο ημασ –) from the FIRES of Hell. GOD RESCUED US from the dominion of Darkness and brought / TRANSFERRED / Carried us away FROM the dominion / Authority of Darkness into the Kingdom of The SON. We have been rescued / Saved / Delivered from Darkness into Jesus, Who IS The Light of the World. (Jn. 8:12) It is in Jesus that we have Redemption. The Ransom is paid in full, so that we thus have, The Forgiveness of Sins.

**Vs. 14** – *in Whom we have **redemption**, the **forgiveness of sins**.*

How was it that Jesus was able to redeem us from the Dominion of Darkness, from Satan’s power?

**Vs. 20** *Through His Blood Shed on the Cross!*

How is it that The Blood of Jesus is capable of deliverance from the Dominion of Darkness? This is only possible because the Blood of Jesus is God’s Blood!

It is CHRIST THE KING WEEKEND / SUNDAY! Jesus Truly is KING as HE IS ALSO GOD. This Weekend we are Celebrating the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of End Time. It has been given the title – CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY! In these verses we see again and again that Jesus is God, equal with the Father and the Holy Spirit, and thus Jesus is KING!

**Vs. 15** – *He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.*

**Vs. 16** – *For by Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, **visible and invisible**, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were **created by Him and for Him**.*

**Vs. 17** – *He is before all things, **and in Him all things hold together**.*

**Vs. 18** – *And He is **the head** of the body, the church; He is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything He might have the **supremacy**.*

**Vs. 19** – *For God was pleased to have all **His fullness dwell in Him**,*

How many leaders and kings do you know from history? How many are able to save you or anyone from the Fires of Hell? List as many leaders, kings, presidents as you are able. Of all these leaders, What do they have in common? They cannot defeat death. They cannot make payment for anyone’s sin, not even their own. They cannot defeat the Devil.

ONLY JESUS CAN AND HAS As True Man and True God the power over Sin, Death and the devil. Jesus has redeemed us, bought us back from the devil and in Christ our King we have the forgiveness of sins. Because of Christ The King, we have heaven. AMEN