

A WEEKLY WORD

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Readings: Jeremiah 23.1-6, Psalm 45, Colossians 1.11-20; Luke 23.-33-43

This is the last Sunday of the Church year, Christ the King Sunday

Colossians 1.13-14 tells us this "He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."

"He has rescued us from the power of darkness". When I saw that statement I was a bit taken aback. That means I was under the influence of Satan? Then I thought, "Of course I am, we all are, every minute of every day!" There is only One not under the influence of Satan, and He died so that we could be transferred into the kingdom of God.

That is why we need to do as Christ instructed us in Matthew 28, *"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."* It is imperative that we bring people into the Kingdom or they will be forever in the darkness.

How do we do that? We try to live our lives so that Jesus can be seen in us. If the light of Jesus is in us that is a threat to the darkness, and Satan will do whatever is in his power to snuff out our light. Pray, Pray, Pray that Jesus' light will shine through us and show others the love of Him who is our light and life. Read Scripture for the direction you need to spread that light and last, but not least, act out your faith in good works and deeds.

Matthew 5.6 *Let your light so shine before others, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*