

21 DAYS OF PRAYER & FASTING

with Second Baptist Church of Doylestown

DAY 2 - SEPTEMBER 3, 2018

Translated into the kingdom

Colossians 1:9-14

Reflection: There are two spiritual kingdoms that exist—namely, the kingdom of this world and the kingdom of Christ. These two kingdoms cannot share or have communion with each other (2 Corinthians 6:14-17). Before we accepted Christ, we lived in the first kingdom, which is the kingdom of this world. It is also called the kingdom of darkness or kingdom of the devil. Through salvation, we were rescued from our former kingdom and transported into a new kingdom, which is the kingdom of God, also called the kingdom of light or of His son. This is a very significant understanding.

Leaving the kingdom of darkness means, we are no longer under the influence of the prince of darkness. Even if the devil stretches his longest hand, he cannot reach you because you have left his territory. Being in God's kingdom however means you have accepted His kingship over your life and you are willing to forsake the way of life of the old kingdom and take on the lifestyle, culture and rules of the new kingdom. Ephesians 4:22 says "You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires. Trying to live the lifestyle of the old kingdom in the new one will lead to chaos, confusion and a great difficulty. That is why a believer must "be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God" Romans 12:2.

- 1. Thank God because according to the scriptures, He has rescued you from the dominion of the kingdom of darkness and brought you into the kingdom of the Son He loves. Hence you are no longer under the devil's rule. Col.1:12**
- 2. Thank God because, he didn't just rescue you, by His grace and favor, He qualified you to share in the inheritance of His holy people in the kingdom of light. Colossians 1:12**
- 3. Ask God for grace to renew your mind and to get rid of every influence of the former kingdom. Romans 12:2, Ephesians 2:1-6**
- 4. Ask that God will uproot every residue of the habits, thoughts and ways of the old kingdom from your life and cause you to be transformed by your new nature.**
- 5. Pray that God (through the Holy Spirit) will help you to understand the rules, privileges, boundaries of the new kingdom.**
- 6. As a citizen of God's kingdom, pray that you will be able to appropriate every privilege and blessings of the kingdom of God.**
- 7. Pray that every member of SBCOD will know God and His love from the least to the greatest. Hebrews 8:11.**