

Translated Out of the Power of Darkness

by Watchman Nee

God's purpose is to deliver us out of the dominion of darkness and transfer us into the kingdom of His dearly-loved Son.

Scripture: Luke 10:19, John 8:12, Romans 6:4, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Galatians 5:1, Ephesians 2:6, Colossians 1:13, Hebrews 2:14-15, 1 Peter 2:9, 1 John 5:18

Topics: "Victory in Christ", "Identity in Christ"

Description

Watchman Nee emphasizes that God has delivered believers from the dominion of darkness and transferred them into the kingdom of His beloved Son, highlighting the victory of Christ at Calvary over evil powers. He explains that through Christ's death, believers are identified with Him and are called to live in the light of this new reality, free from the claims of darkness. Nee urges believers to understand their position in Christ and to strive for the life God intends for them, reminding them that they must not lower God's ideal despite their experiences. The sermon calls for a conscious decision to reject the influence of darkness and to embrace the reigning life of Christ. Ultimately, it challenges believers to align their will with God's purpose for their lives.

Transcript

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"It is God who has delivered us out of the dominion of darkness and has transferred us into the kingdom of His dearly-loved Son." (Col. i:13; Weymouth).

What is God's purpose concerning the believer in Christ, and the powers of darkness? To see this we must turn to the work of Christ at Calvary, and understand Calvary's victory. On the Cross of Calvary He flung off from Himself the principalities and powers of evil, and put them to open shame. The soul identified with Christ in His death is translated with Him, and in Him, "out of the kingdom of darkness" into the "reigning life" of the Ascended Lord. Through Calvary's victory you have been in God's purpose translated out of that Kingdom of darkness, not to be walking in its sphere, not to take its view point, nor its standards, its ways, its wickedness.

But before this becomes actual experience you need first to apprehend God's full ideal for you, and that He has translated you out of the power of darkness, so that the prince of darkness HAS NO FURTHER CLAIM ON YOU, NO RIGHT to you; for God "hath raised us up together (with Christ) and made us to sit with Him" in His reigning life. However much you may come short of it in experience, remember you must never lower God's ideal for you; but ever keep in sight His intention, and ask Him to lead you on to the life He purposes for you. Your position is that you are "TRANSLATED OUT OF THE POWER OF DARKNESS." Then how much hold will you practically give the enemy in yourself, and your life? What is your WILL in the matter? What is your attitude towards Him? Is your will what God's will is--"translated out of the power of darkness into the kingdom of His dear Son;" raised, and made to sit with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus?"

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