**Col. 1:12-14
Reasons for Joyful Thanksgiving**

Intro

**I. THE FATHER QUALIFIED US (v. 12).**

"qualified" -

"inheritance"

A. One must qualify to share in heaven?s inheritance.

B. We cannot qualify ourselves.

C. The Father has qualified us [believers] to share in the inheritance of the saints.

**II. THE FATHER RESCUED US (v. 13a).**

A. Domain of darkness -

1) This darkness describes our depraved nature.

2) This darkness is also demonic.

B. Rescued - to be set free from prison, from slavery.

**III. THE FATHER TRANSFERRED US (v. 13b-14).**

A. The meaning of "transferred."

B. The kingdom of Christ is present now.

1) As citizens of Christ?s kingdom, we have redemption.

2) As citizens of Christ?s kingdom, we have forgiveness of sins.

**SUMMARY**