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# Transferred into the Kingdom of the Son of God

For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and *transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son...* 

Colossians 1:13

#### Last Week

- · Delivered from the Domain of Darkness
  - Delivered rescued
  - Domain authority
  - Implication of tyrannical rulership
- When darkness rules over a human, what fruit is born?

#### **Transferred**

- To uproot from one location and place in another location. To remove from one place to another. Not just a minor relocation.
- I Cor. 13:2 faith to move mountains same Greek word

# Kingdom

- Kingdom, kingship, rulership, authority, dominion
  - Not to be confused with the actual kingdom but rather the right or authority to rule over a kingdom
  - We are under the authority of Christ and His benevolent rulership in contrast to the power of darkness

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#### What Kind of King is Jesus?

- In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: (Col 1:14)
  - The kind of King who would redeem his subjects from the bondage of slavery with His own blood
  - The kind of King who would forgive the sins of His subjects

#### What Kind of King is Jesus?

- He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. (Col 1:15)
  - Only God could be invisible and yet still have that invisibility have an equal visible representation
  - The kind of King that predates all of His dominion

### What Kind of King is Jesus?

- For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities--all things have been created through Him and for Him.
  - The kind of King who creates His dominion
    - Genesis 1 states that God's creation was by speaking. No other king has had that kind of authority or power
  - The kind of King who authorizes the distribution of authority
  - The kind of King that God the Father desired He create a kingdom for Himself.

#### What Kind of King is Jesus?

- He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.
  - The kind of King that has might to hold the entirety of the universe together

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# What Kind of King is Jesus?

- He is also head of the body, the church; and He
  is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so
  that He Himself will come to have first place in
  everything.
  - The kind of King that leads His people, the church
  - The kind who has first place in everything
    - The kind who is first born from the dead so that those who are born with Him may have new life and be free from the bondage of the Law (Romans 8:11)

# What Kind of King is Jesus?

- The kind of King that would call us sons
  - Romans 8:15
  - We are not merely 'subjects', we are grafted into the line of the King