

You are in the Kingdom of His beloved Son

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¹³ **For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,**

¹⁴ **in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.**

Verse 13 starts off with a pronoun—referring back to God the Father.

Why God the Father?

Because **He is the author of the Plan.**

God's plan for all mankind,

God's plan for the history of man,

God's Plan for all unbelieving angels and unbelieving mankind
and God's Plan for all believing angels and mankind.

Pray to Him, Worship Him and Praise Him **Who rescued us**

(And this is the main verb, In verse 12 we had Aorist Participle)

having qualified us for an inheritance...

(Now we have the main verb. Our qualification was set up in Eternity Past when God the Father set up the plan.)

The basis for it took place at the cross and the reality comes when we believe in JESUS CHRIST as Savior, so we have the phrase **who rescued us.**

The Aorist tense refers to the point of Salvation and the middle voice is insightful here:

The middle voice tells us the subject (believer) is benefited by the action of the verb. We are eternally benefitted by being rescued.

And people, the indicative mood should ever be on your mind...

This is the **reality** of being rescued from the kingdom of **Darkness** at the exact time you believed in JESUS CHRIST.

There are so many things that happened when you and I believed in JESUS CHRIST as our Savior.

No, you probably did not feel any different –although some people do... but some 34 things happened to you the second you believed in Jesus as your Savior.

And I pray that these are a reality to you...that you are certain of them. And this takes us back to beginning of verse 12 **constantly giving thanks to (God the Father) who qualified us... in Christ.**

The action of the Aorist participle precedes the action of the main verb; In Eternity-Past God the Father originated the grace plan of our qualification but there is a point in time when each one of us believed in JESUS CHRIST and at that point He delivered us, rescued us out of the domain of **darkness**.

This is a familiar action from 1 Thessalonians 1:10.

The verb means to rescue, to draw to oneself, so as to rescue from imminent danger. **It is a term of affection.**

A fireman may snatch a child from danger, while a mother will snatch the child and draw that child to her breast and rescue the child from danger.

What is so beautiful here is that in 1 Thessalonians 1:10 it is Jesus **who rescues us from the wrath to come** while here in Colossians 1:13 it is God the Father who **rescues us from the domain of darkness**. All three members of the Godhead are involved in our salvation and in our eternal Security.

He rescued us *out from the power* (This Greek word emphasizes controlling authority. Actually it refers to the controlling authority or dictatorship of Satan.)

Of darkness with the definite article:

out from the controlling authority of the darkness and this refers to the Kingdom of Satan.

Two very important Theological points here:

- 1 **Darkness**—used all through the Word of God from Genesis 1:2 for the absence of activity of God and the presence of Satan. Throughout the Bible...**Darkness** is in contrast with Light.

Light is the presence of JESUS CHRIST while **darkness** is the presence of Satan and the absence of JESUS CHRIST.

This is true in our personal lives... when we are in sin, we are in **darkness**, we are under the power of Satan and our **Inherited Sin Nature** (ISN) and as long as we abide in **darkness**, we know not where we are going.

2 **Kingdom of Darkness,**

there are two kingdoms; **Kingdom of Darkness**—ruled by Satan and appeals to our flesh nature, and the **Kingdom of Light** ruled by JESUS CHRIST and appeals to our Faith.

Darkness

- 1 The Greek word for *darkness* is used to describe the object of man's love that will cause him to reject the light.

Man loves darkness rather than light.

The word is used in both the Old Testament and the New Testament... literally and figuratively – means the **absence of light, darkness, gloom and confusion.**

Ancient philosophers used the metaphor of **darkness** long before John and the New Testament, like in Homers Iliad.

- 2 The literal sense of **darkness** –which all can comprehend-is transferred over to the figurative application of the word, therefore, the basic idea of what **Darkness** is in the metaphor in the contrast of **light** and **darkness** is transferred over from the literal-darkness:

first: **you cannot see what is going on around you;**

then: **you cannot see where you are going.**

There is no power related to **darkness**, **except it's control over you when you are in darkness.**

Therefore **Darkness** often produces a state of fear.

- 3 **Darkness** must be understood not in terms of optical effect (except by way of analogy) But darkness is actually experienced It is experienced as an encompassing sphere—this is why I said that **darkness** cannot be understood in terms of optical effect.

You are in a dark room—the **darkness** envelopes you, totally encompasses you—this is the way you should start understanding **darkness**. You are trapped by this **darkness**, not part of you but all of you. As long as you remain in that sphere of **darkness**—all your function and power and ability to understand truth is limited by the **darkness**.

Not only limited by the **darkness** but actually controlled by the **darkness** and even defined by the **darkness**.

Let me here insert the opposite:

This is in contrast to you being in the **light**, you are enveloped by the **light** ... you are in the sphere of the **light**, that of course is **JESUS CHRIST**.

- 4 So, first, **darkness** is something you experience in life—this is further described and understood in terms of how it effects your existence.

First it hinders any movement; and it prohibits any productive movement.

You need light to see where you are going, in thought or in action—about yourself, about creation, about God about decisions in your life.

- 5 When you are enveloped by **Darkness**—you are in the sphere of objective Peril.

What does this mean?

Very simply: when you are enveloped by **darkness**, you are in a sphere of **peril—danger, harm** from things outside of yourself. Objective—again, simply, you stump your toe, hit your head, fall on something---

This is **Objective Peril**. You are in a *sphere of danger.... Injured in life; injured for all eternity; Floundering, in search of happiness, of meaning of identification.*

Look where we are in America today. We have removed the Bible from the Judicial system, so there are no norms and standards to guide in moral issues.

We removed the bible from our Educational system... so free to teach children they are simply creatures on a chain of evolution.

And in many respects we have removed the Bible from Churches and, therefore, we have distorted the true Gospel, leaving people in search of the way of salvation.

The result: **Darkness over America.**

And here comes Satan with his cosmic existence in darkness. He has a platform of **darkness**, it will not take you out of **darkness** but it will be a walking cane for you. And so you grab hold of any number of 'canes' to help you in this darkness. *Young people trying to figure out who they are, what they are, what sex they are, tattooing their bodies to give them some personal identity, turning to drugs, alcohol, sex, floundering in darkness searching!!*

America in Darkness
without the light of JESUS CHRIST,
without identification in Christ.

*Because you see, it is in this darkness
that comes the light of the world.
God sent His Son, JESUS CHRIST.*

This is why the 1st chapter of John is the true Christmas story, where light comes into the world and removes the darkness.

But the unbeliever is so dependent on Satan's cosmic systems, so attached, so in love with the cosmic system to make it through the **darkness**.---he depends on it so much he is afraid to even look at the **light** of the world. In fact, so many are so thankful to Satan for giving them these canes to make it in the **darkness** and rejects the **light** given to us by God.

It is the difference of giving you a seeing eye dog, or giving you back you sight. And so many are so frightened to let go of the dog, they love and depend on that dog so much that even if it means they will never see again, they will not let go of the dog.

People love darkness rather than light.

Satan offers the world a dog, to make it in darkness, but you have to let go of the dog, of the cane.

Abiding in Darkness is abiding in **strong delusion--the darkness conceals the truth.** It obscures the truth of light and as long as one rejects the light and chooses to live in darkness that person is under Strong Delusion.

- 6 This is how Satan controls in **the sphere of Darkness**, *by fear, by worry, anxiety, confusion, anger, jealousy and depression and things like these.*

So people grab hold of anything, any philosophy, any 'cane' that will give them some form of security in darkness.

This is the power of **Religion--
-confused about God, so do and do.**

The differences in religions is simply differences in what you have to do for God. For God to save you, bless you!

Religion controls by fear and by confusion about God.

7 Understanding **Darkness** guides in understanding of Scripture of Creation. Genesis 1:1 **In the beginning** that is a special beginning **God** in the Hebrews this is Elohim –referring to the essence of the being of God **created the heavens and the earth.**

We know which member of the Godhead created the original universe(s) JESUS CHRIST;
Gospel of John 1: 3 now look down at 1:10;
1 Corinthians 8:6 and a verse we will soon be studying in Colossians... Colossians 1:16;
Hebrews 1:2 –includes God the Father as the author of the Plan of Creation of all things.

In the special beginning of all things (heavens, earth and angels) **God created.**

There are several Hebrew words for **'create'**.

The one used here in Genesis 1:1 is **'bara'** which basically means to **CREATE OR MAKE SOMETHING OUT OF NOTHING**, and only God is the subject of this verb in the Old Testament.

It is used in verses 21 for the creation of animal life and in verse 27 referring to the inner-constitution of man (soul and spirit). And the Lord did this by speaking.

Psalm 33:6

6 **By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, And by the breath of His mouth all their host.**

and verse 9

9 **For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast**

2 Peter 3:5

5 **For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that by the word of God *the* heavens existed long ago and *the* earth was formed out of water and by water,**

Hebrews 11:3

3 **By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible.**

These verses also teach the importance of the Gracious Gift of Communication—God’s Gift to Humanity

Genesis 1:1

1 **In a special beginning God (JESUS CHRIST) created out of nothing the heavens and the earth**

Time:

This is a great on-going battle; **young earth vs old earth**; But according to the bible this is an unknown factor, despite the theory of Carbon 14. The Bible does not give the antiquity of the universe While we can conclude the existence of **pre-historic life**, but there is no date telling the length of existence.

A word about the phrase: **Pre-historic** ... this means **pre-history of mankind** –before man came to be on the earth.

Types of prehistoric life: **Angelic, Animal** and **Vegetation**.

This brings us to verse 2. and lets start off with a statement:

**Anything JESUS CHRIST creates
must be perfect
because He is perfect.**

So the condition described could not have come from His hands.

² **The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters.**

The earth was a Qal perfect. Now let me read something to you right out of a Lexicon. (**The Complete Wordstudy Dictionary of the Old Testament, page 262**) “a verb meaning to exist, to be, **to become**, to happen, to come to pass. It is used over 3,500 times in the Old Testament.”

So the issue is what about the verb stem?

Here in Genesis 1:2 it is in the Qal perfect translated **was** but if you look at Genesis 2:10...**and became four rivers** this is also a Qal perfect—here translated **became**. Now just in case someone complains about translating this Qal perfect **became**. Look at Genesis 2:10...**and from there it divided and became four rivers** same Hebrew construction of the Qal perfect.

So we have no problem grammatically translating this in Genesis 1:2

² **The earth became formless *tohu*** this word means formless, confusion **and void *bohu*** indicating void and emptiness **and darkness was over the surface of the deep**
From a biblical understanding of *darkness* we learn even more from verse 2.

1 1 Corinthians 14:33 **For God is not the author of confusion**
Darkness brings confusion/

2 Isaiah 45:18 **For thus says the LORD, who created *bara***
same word for ‘to create’ as in Genesis 1:1 **the heavens**
(He is the God who formed the earth and made it, He
established it and did not create *bara*
it a waste place, *tohu* that is formless – confusion...
but formed it to be inhabited),
“I am the LORD, and there is none else.

A correct understanding of **darkness**—not a place to be inhibited. WE KNOW THAT JESUS CHRIST DID NOT ORIGINALLY CREATE THE WORLD A WASTE PLACE, AND DID NOT CREATE IT IN **DARKNESS**.

Anyone can calmly and simply see that Genesis 1:2 is not referring to **original creation**.

Genesis 1:1 is a introduction statement and refers to original creation... how did God create it originally?

NOT formless, not a place of confusion.

NOT **wastep**lace but a place to be inhabited... by angels.

So what happen between verses 1 and 2?

The beginning of the Invisible Warfare

There were higher creatures placed on the newly created earth—we know them as Angels and we also know the head or chief angel was named Lucifer—not called this in the Bible, but is the **star of the morning, son of the dawn** *halel brightness*.

Read Isaiah 14:12-14 where we have the fall of this magnificent creature.

¹² **How you have fallen from heaven, O star of the morning, son of the dawn! You have been cut down to the earth, You who have weakened the nations!**

What was the cause of his fall? Arrogance.

¹³ **“But you said in your heart, ‘I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God, angels And I will sit on the mount of assembly In the recesses of the north a place in the third heaven.**

¹⁴ **‘I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.’**

Ezekiel 28:12-14

12 **“Son of man, (God speaking to Ezekiel) take up a lamentation over the king of Tyre and say to him, ‘Thus says the Lord God, “You had the seal of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. (Not said of a man but to Satan.)**

13 **“You were in Eden, the garden of God; (in the third heaven) Every precious stone was your covering: The ruby, the topaz and the diamond; The beryl, the onyx and the jasper; The lapis lazuli, the turquoise and the emerald; And the gold, the workmanship of your settings and sockets, Was in you. On the day that you were created They were prepared.**

14 **“You were the anointed cherub who covers-guards, And I (your Creator) placed you *there*. You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked in the midst of the stones of fire.**

And so we are in the **ANGELIC CONFLICT**—today: Ephesians 6: Ephesians 6:12 (NASB95)

12 **For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual *forces* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*.**

But now in our study of Darkness, look at Genesis 1:3

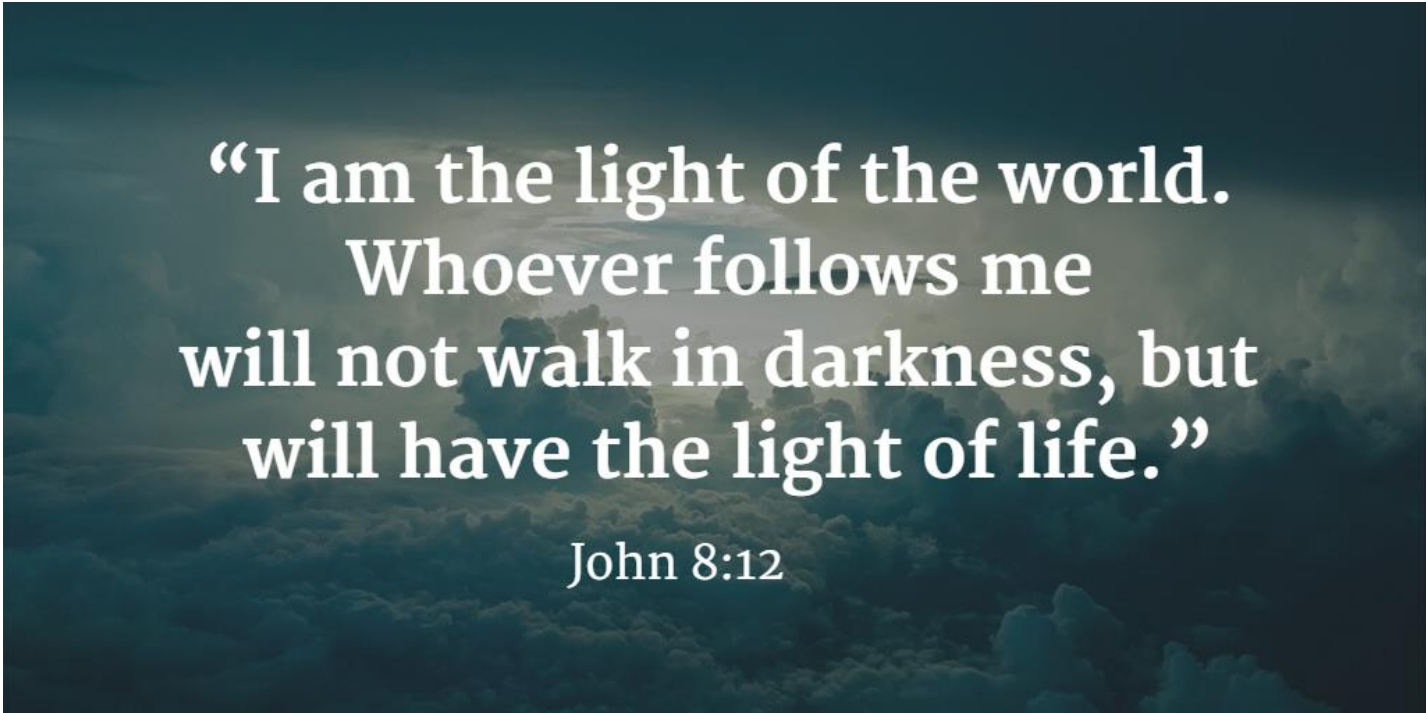
³ **Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light.**

Prophecy of the coming of the light of the world, JESUS the CHRIST. **So from where did Darkness come?**

Darkness is the result of sin.

Darkness is a result of Satan entering into the domain of the angels in the prehistoric world. Therefore all through Scripture, **darkness** is related to **sin** and to **Satan**.

And **light** is always related to **JESUS CHRIST** as **the light of the world**.



**“I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me
will not walk in darkness, but
will have the light of life.”**

John 8:12

And in our study of Colossians 1 you will recall what God refers all believers to in verse 12:

¹² **Saint of light—saints of the light of the world...**

This is who you are...you are saints of the light of the world, reveal Him to the world in your life. **How is the world to know JESUS CHRIST?** Where you work, go to school, social life... they will know Him, by and through you.

You need not be confused floundering about—you should reveal the light of JESUS CHRIST in your life.

8. Luke 1:79 All unbelievers are said to sit in **darkness**.
9. **Darkness** is used to describe the thinking of all unbelievers *and believers who refuse to walk by Faith in the Holy Spirit and grow in the Knowledge of JESUS CHRIST and in the Knowledge of God the Father.*
10. **Darkness** means confusion...**confusion** in **thought** and in **understanding**.
Never be bewildered by the thinking of unbelievers their thinking pattern is in confusion of reality.
11. Once we believe in JESUS CHRIST we are delivered out of this confusing kingdom of darkness.

Colossians 1:13 **The Incomparable Christ**

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He rescued us out from the controlling authority of the darkness and transferred us to the Kingdom of His beloved Son

Look at all that God has done for us in just these few verses: First He qualified us in the eternal inheritance. Verse 12.

He rescued us from the domain of darkness
And now: **He transferred us to the kingdom of His Son.**

We keep on giving thanks to God the Father.

The King James misses the point here by translating this Greek verb “**translating us to the kingdom of His son**”.

To translate in the English means to take something in one language and make it equivalent to something in another language. To take something that’s equivalent in one area and put it in another area.

God does not translate us from one equivalent area to another equivalent area. He takes us, rescues us from the domain of darkness into the Kingdom of light.

So **to translate us** is a poor translation and does not tell us of the glorious thing God does for us at Salvation.

Please remember that God does some 34 things to each one of us when we believe in JESUS CHRIST as Savior, and each one is **Glorious** and **Powerful** and **Meaningful** and **Eternal**.

Here, God rescues us from the Kingdom of Satan, the domain of Darkness, the place of confusion,
and **transfers us into the Kingdom of His son.**

And please note that God the Father produces the action of the verb and He transfers us.

- (1) On the basis of the person and work of JESUS CHRIST and
- (2) He does it by the ministry of the Holy Spirit;
- (3) He does it on the basis of **grace**, we do not earn nor do we deserve to be taken out of the domain of Darkness and transferred to the kingdom of His beloved Son.

And again, the Indicative mood is a constant reminder that this is reality to you—the reality that you have been snatched from the domain of Darkness and placed in the sphere of the eternal light of JESUS CHRIST.

Transfers us to the kingdom of His beloved Son.

To or into the kingdom

There are two kingdoms of the regenerate.

The former one is Israel.

Christ is the kind of the regenerate of Israel from Abraham to the cross. There is a kingdom at the present.

Christ is the ruler of the regenerate of the world from Pentecost to the Rapture. We are in this second kingdom or the kingdom of the Church Age.

Colossians 1 refers to the the regenerate of the Church Age, which is the kingdom you are in if you have believed in JESUS CHRIST as Savior. [*—not by inviting Him into your heart, this is not a biblical verb for Salvation.—*] The biblical verb is to **believe.**

Believe on the LORD JESUS CHRIST and you will be saved.

Into the Kingdom of His beloved Son

There are so many titles of JESUS CHRIST and each one is important to us. 1 John 5:1-5

¹ **Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ-Messiah is born of God, and whoever loves the Father loves the *child* born of Him.**

² **By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and observe His commandments.**

Two commandments in 1 John..1 John 3:23...

Faith and Spiritual Love.

³ **For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome.**

Why not?

Because the first is to walk by Faith in the Holy Spirit and then the Holy Spirit pours into us the love for God the Father, for JESUS CHRIST and for One Another.

⁴ **For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.** But remember —Faith must have an object, and the object of our Faith for eternal salvation is JESUS CHRIST , the Son of God and the object of our Faith to overcome the world is Faith in the Spirit of God, that is the Holy Spirit.

⁵ **Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?**

Into the Kingdom of His beloved Son which is literally **of the son of His Love.**

The Son, JESUS CHRIST is the object of the Father's infinite Love and for this reason JESUS CHRIST is called **beloved** in Ephesians 1:6

⁶ **to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.** That is in JESUS CHRIST His Son.

Now what is so beautiful and should be meaningful to each one of us is that

AT THE POINT OF FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST AS SAVIOR GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT PLACES US IN UNION WITH JESUS CHRIST AND, THEREFORE, WE SHARE THIS LOVE WITH JESUS CHRIST.

1 John 3:2

² **Beloved, now we are children of God, (we are the sons of God) and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is.**

Colossians 1:13

¹³ **Who has rescued us out from the dictatorship of the darkness and has graciously transferred us into the Kingdom of the Son of His love.**

I hope you are constantly giving thanks to God for all He has done and is doing for you!!!

You have to make up your mind:

Is Christ sufficient for all your needs?

Or do you have to have other things or something else?

**This book is about the Sufficiency of JESUS CHRIST:
to God the Father;
and to you?**

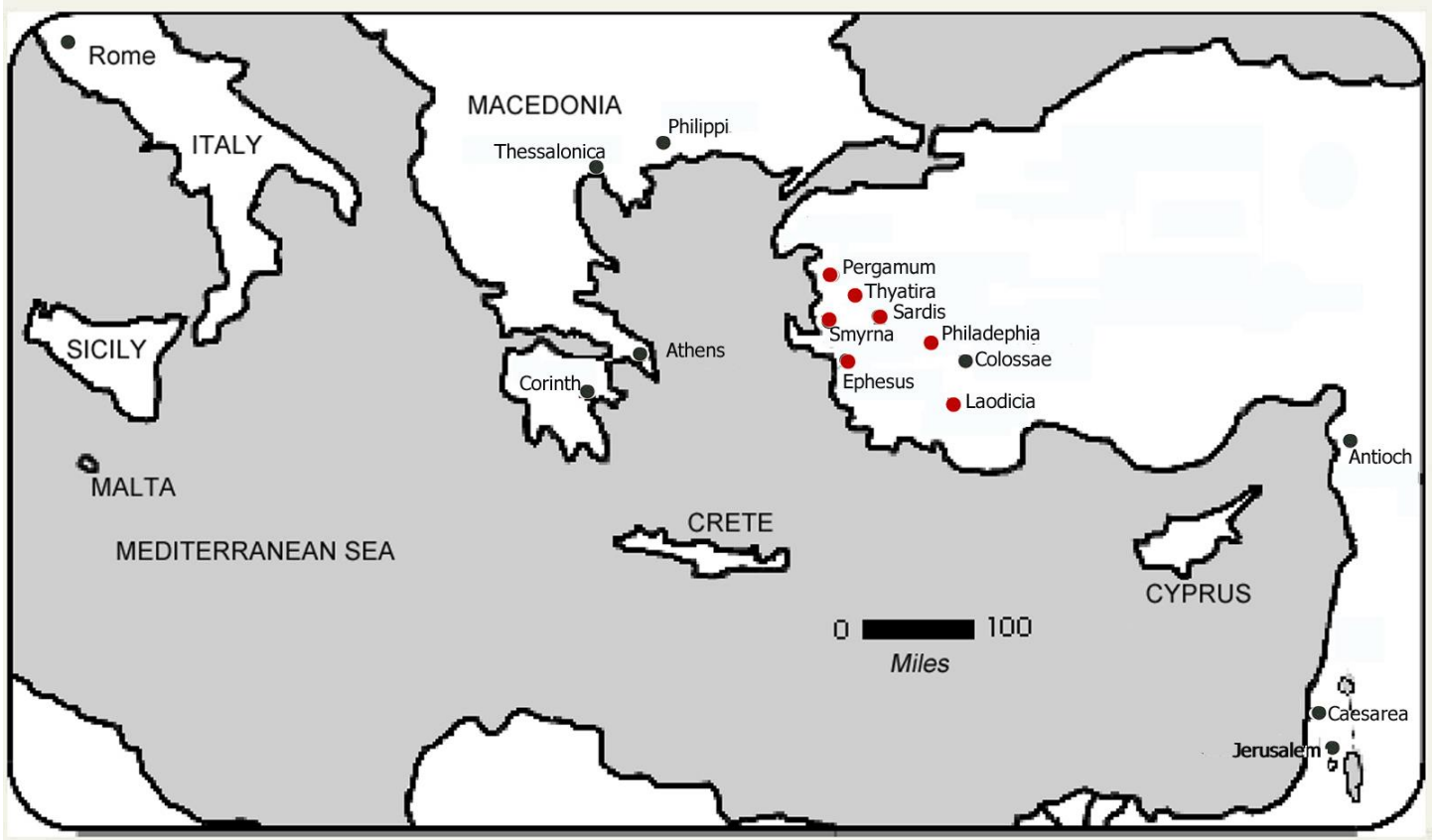
Is the Word of God sufficient for you?

Sufficient to bring you to JESUS CHRIST?

Sufficient to bring you to God the Father?

Is the Word of God sufficient for **SAD** (*Stress, Anxiety, Depression*) in your life or do you need outside help?

So we learn so much from the true understanding of the Gospel.



*Only one life,' twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last.*