

Day 6 Colossians 1:21-23

We have all seen the bumper stickers of dog and cat lovers on the back of cars, “who rescued who.” I have a little rescued chihuahua, so I get the sentiment!

In reference to today’s text, we are told exactly who rescued who when it comes to our faith. We are humbly reminded how we got to belief. This truth gives us foundation in how we view our salvation, ourselves, and others who don’t yet believe.

Paul starts with a blunt fact that all believers have to face. It is the fact that we live in a world where we don’t have the ability to be perfect in our minds or our behavior to meet a holy God’s standard.

We can control behavior if we try hard, we can do good things, we can love people well, we are capable of amazing feats, but we cannot save ourselves. We cannot meet the standards of a holy God to the extent where we equal His holiness. It is simply not possible even if we are at our best or are the best of people.

Colossians gives us perfect clarity that God alone would fix this blunt fact. We learn who saved who. It is imperative that we stay totally convinced of that fact. It makes our salvation more precious and increases our awe of the love of God and our significance to Him.

Paul says that it is through Christ’s physical death and resurrection that we are presented as holy in God’s sight. No addendums. This isn’t about what we do, or how we behave, it is about our status.

This realization will give us the courage to honor our Father well. And not only that - it will give us the compassion, love, and the power of Christ to do so. We are fully accepted in every part of our journey, through Christ alone.

And as usual, it gets better. We are free from accusation. Revelation 12:10 speaks about the accuser, the one who accuses us before our God - day and night.

The enemy is constantly telling God we are not meeting God’s own standards.

But this text tells us that we are free from those accusations. They are thwarted through the blood of Christ. When the accuser comes, God points to Christ. He declares us as redeemed.

Paul talks about this in Ephesians as well. He tells us that we have no weapons to fight physically for ourselves in spiritual matters. But we are told the fight has been won, we only need stand in the victory, that is Christ.

This kind of dependence helps us embrace the wonder of our salvation. This wonder leads us to gratitude, and a better understanding of God’s love for us as individuals and as a church.

Embracing these truths will also change how we view others. When we see that we have been fully rescued by God we will live in the freedom that all things are possible with God.

As we take hold of that freedom, we will release the grip we have on the judgement of others.

When we accept that our salvation was impossible, we will accept that it is a possibility for others. And we will see with God that all things are possible.