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Sunday October 1, 2023 COMMUNION SUNDAY

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* When we do not think rightly of the privileges we have been given in Christ then we are attracted to find things according to our own desires. We are searching for something more than what Christ has done pursuing our own way to have it ourselves . . .

“giving thanks to the Father” 1:12 “the forgiveness of sins.” 1:14

 how grateful we ought to, how blessed we are, and what deliverance we have

Such Reasons for So Much Giving Thanks to the Father 1:12-14

1. The Father Himself Qualified Us By His Grace To Be His people

who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

 He Himself Was Able Because We Were Unable

 No One Qualifies Themselves

1. The Father Rescued Us In His Mercy By His Deliverance

who rescued us from the authority of darkness . . .

 He Himself Was Powerful Because We Were Powerless

 We Cannot Rescue Ourselves

1. The Father Himself Transferred Us Into the Kingdom of His Son

 and transferred us to the kingdom of the Son of His love . . .

 He Himself Did Bring Us Because We Did Not Belong

 READ Acts 26:15-18 There Is No Access On Our Own

 “. . . in whom we have redemption . . .” cf. Ephesians 1:7

all by means of the work of Christ Himself Able . . . Powerful . . .

(1) People are redeemed from something; from the marketplace or slavery of sin.

(2) People are redeemed by something; by payment of a price, the blood of Christ.

(3) People are redeemed to something; to the Lord who redeemed.” Ryrie

 “ . . . the forgiveness of sins.” remove the guilt ‘to pardon, to forgive”

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