

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Psalm 139: 14a

Excerpt from "Rescued" for the Today devotional by Pete Byma.

In the change of seasons, springtime brings longer days and shorter nights. So, in a sense, as we move from winter into spring and summer, we leave behind days of darkness as each day brings more light.

The apostle Paul often uses the image of light and dark to talk about our spiritual condition. The point here is that we are not only delivered out of something but are also brought into something as well.

As followers of Jesus, we are transferred into the kingdom of light. We "share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light." Light often symbolizes glory, truth, holiness, and life. It has to do with the authority and sovereign rule of the King. Because of Christ's work to save us from sin, we are no longer in the dominion of darkness. We are freed to live fully in the precious, grace-filled, compassionate, and loving rule of Christ. Christ shares this kingdom with us.

C.S Lewis once said, "We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with worldly ambitions when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased."

Today, let yourself be rescued, and enjoy the life of light that Jesus offers. Then share that light with others!

Are you looking for some more devotionals to read with your family that emphasize that we are free? Here are some for throughout March:

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