

The Sower Sows the Word
Message 5: We're Coming Out of Darkness
[9 APRIL 2023 — Resurrection Sunday]

- **Foundation:**

- **Luke 4:46-48**

- **From the *Message Translation*:**

- (Luke 6:47) These words I speak to you are not mere additions to your life, homeowner improvements to your standard of living. **They are foundation words, words to build a life on.**

- (Luke 6:48) **"If you work the words into your life, you are like a smart carpenter who dug deep and laid the foundation of his house on bedrock. When the river burst its banks and crashed against the house, nothing could shake it; it was built to last.**

- **Acts 3:19-21**

I. **Colossians 1:9-23**

II. **The Cause**

- a. Colossians 1:9

- b. Colossians 1:3-6

- i. Faith

- ii. Hope

- iii. Love

- 1. 1 Corinthians 13:13

- iv. All three of these **MUST** be **ALIVE** in every born-again believer

III. **Deliverance from the Power of Darkness**

- a. Colossians 1:12-13

- i. This is available to every Born-again Believer

- b. Romans 13:1-2, 10-14

- i. Salvation = *sōtēria*

- ii. **Thayer Definition:**

- deliverance, preservation, safety, salvation

- deliverance from the molestation of enemies

- in an ethical sense, that which concludes to the souls safety or salvation

- of Messianic salvation

- salvation as the present possession of all true Christians

- future salvation, the sum of benefits and blessings which the Christians, redeemed from all earthly ills, will enjoy after the visible return of Christ from heaven in the consummated and eternal kingdom of God.

- iii. Verse 14: Galatians 5:16

IV. The Stages of Light

- a. Romans 10:17
- b. 2 Peter 1:19
 - i. We all start out in a dark place
 1. The first Light (Revelation) = Cleansing of the Spirit Man for the new birth (Repentance)
 2. The 2nd Light (Revelation) which comes from Meditation and Study is to develop the re-born Human Spirit into a Christ-like being (becoming a Christian) (refreshing)
 3. The 3rd Light (Revelation) brings the Kingly Anointing (Restitution)
 - a. (Job 22:28) [YLT] You shall also decide *and* decree a thing, and it shall be established for you; and the light [*of God's favor*] shall shine upon your ways.
 - b. The fullness of our Authority: Ephesians 5:17
- c. The fullness of the Revelation of Jesus:
Christ in the born-again Believer (Colossians 1:27 — Christ in you, the HOPE of Glory)
 - i. Revelation 22:16
 - ii. Isaiah 60:1-7
 - iii. Mark 16:15-20
- d. Ephesians 1:13
 - i. Trust
 - ii. Belief
 - iii. Sealed (faith, confidence, fully persuaded)
- e. LIGHT = Revelation Knowledge (*Rhema*)