

## RESCUE OPERATION

### INTRODUCTION

“Seven Days in Entebbe”: Operation Thunderbolt

How did we get here?

vv. 1-2 =

vv. 3-8 =

vv. 9-12 =

vv. 13-20 = an incorporated hymn of worship to the Father and the Son

In **Colossians 1:13-14** we find **4 actions** of the Father concerning our salvation for which we must join in praising Him.

1. The Father Rescued Us (13a)
2. The Father Transferred Us (13b)
3. The Father Redeemed Us (14a)
4. The Father Forgave Us (14b)

### THE FATHER RESCUED US (13A)

“darkness” (v. 13) vs “light” (v. 12)

God did not qualify us to His inheritance from a position of neutrality, but from a position of hostility.

“authority” (Ephesians 2:2; 2 Corinthians 4:4)

Illustration: the blind Mexican tetra cave fish

### THE FATHER TRANSFERRED US (13B)

“transferred”

Exodus from Egypt

Exile in Babylon

### **THE FATHER REDEEMED US (14A)**

“redemption” = a price paid

The first Passover  
Christ’s Passover

### **THE FATHER FORGAVE US (14B)**

“forgiveness”

“Having cancelled out the certificate of debt” (Colossians 2:14)

“no condemnation” (Romans 8:1)

Legalism is a constant temptation for those who forget that they are free in Christ.

### **CONCLUSION**

Unlike Operation Thunderbolt, God did not invade enemy territory to save His friends, but to save those who were hostile and rebellious against Him and to transform them into friends and make them children of light and heirs with Christ.

Dear believer, contemplate the richness of your salvation and praise the Father for His marvelous salvation in Christ Jesus.

Dear unbelieving friend, understand that in your current condition you are in darkness and you are a slave of Satan. Repent of your sins and believe in Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins.