



# Welcome to Worship

Sanford church of Christ

A floating island with a castle and a bright sky. The island is a dark, rocky plateau with a large, golden castle on top. The castle has a prominent spire and is surrounded by smaller buildings. The island is set against a bright, glowing sky with a blue and white color palette. The sky is filled with clouds and a bright light source, possibly the sun or moon, which creates a lens flare effect. The overall scene is fantastical and dramatic.

# CITIZENS OF THE KINGDOM

The Kingdom of Israel established in about 1050 B.C.



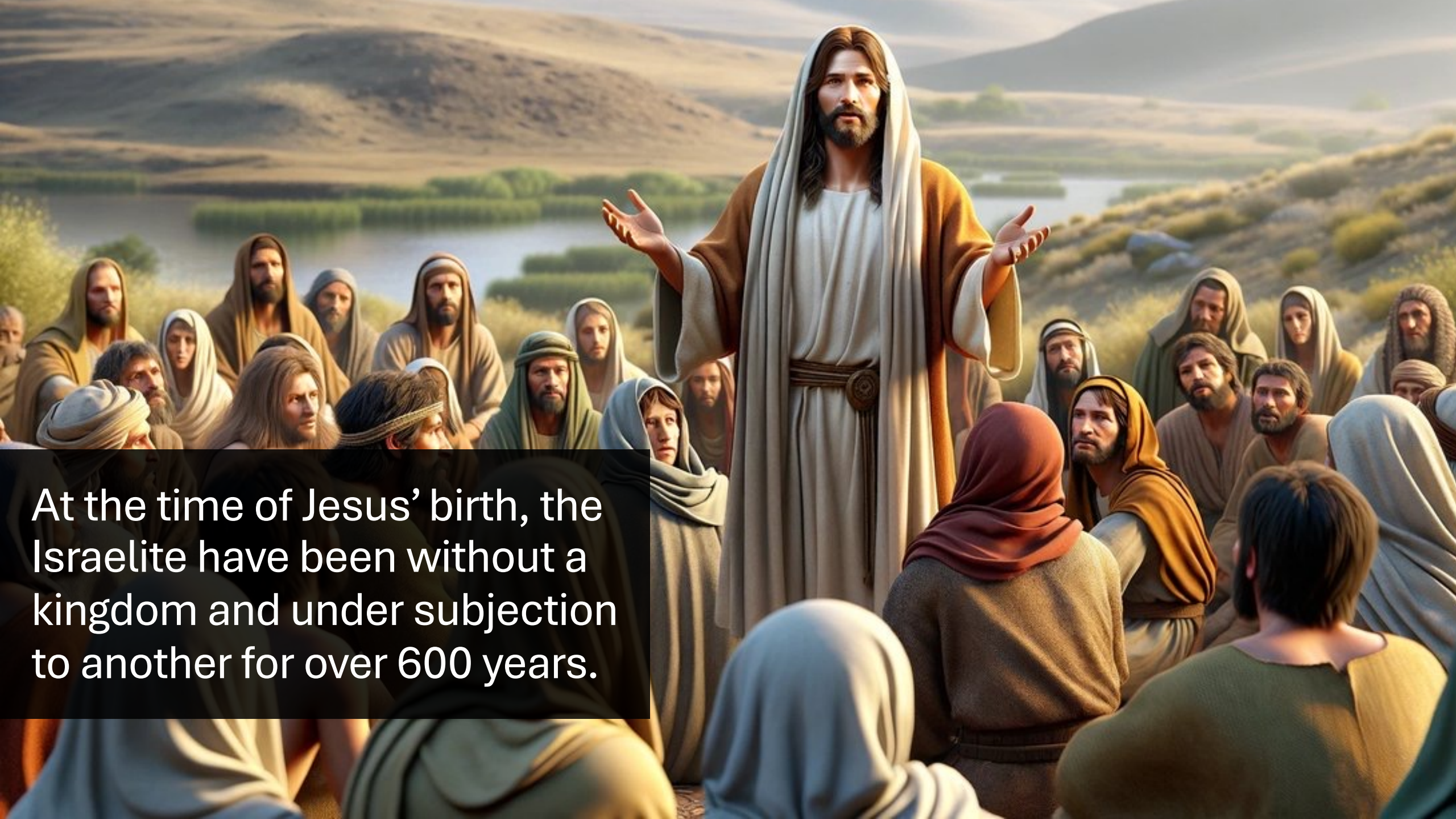
The Divided Kingdom began about 920 B.C.



The Northern Kingdom/Israel taken into captivity by Assyria in 722 B.C.



The Southern Kingdom/Judah taken into captivity by Babylon in three raids. (606 to 605 B.C. 597 B.C., 586 B.C.)



At the time of Jesus' birth, the Israelite have been without a kingdom and under subjection to another for over 600 years.



**What kind of Kingdom did Jesus establish in the first century?**



# **“The Keys of The Kingdom”**

**Matthew 16:19-20**

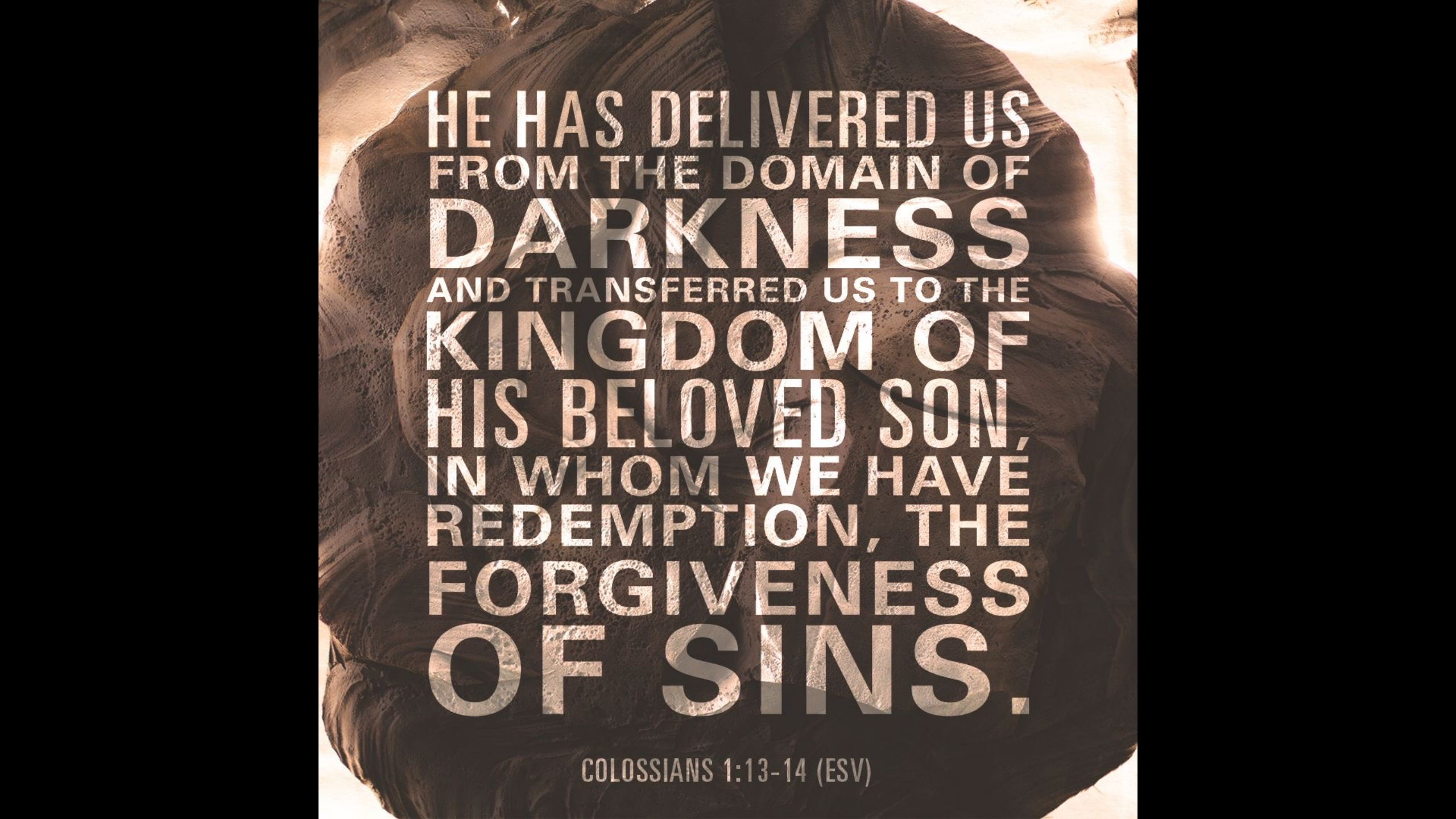


“THERE BE SOME STANDING HERE, WHICH SHALL NOT TASTE OF DEATH, TILL THEY SEE THE SON OF MAN COMING IN HIS KINGDOM.” (MATT 16:28)

## John 18:36-37

<sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world." <sup>37</sup> Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice."





HE HAS DELIVERED US  
FROM THE DOMAIN OF  
**DARKNESS**  
AND TRANSFERRED US TO THE  
**KINGDOM OF**  
HIS BELOVED SON,  
IN WHOM WE HAVE  
REDEMPTION, THE  
FORGIVENESS  
**OF SINS.**

COLOSSIANS 1:13-14 (ESV)

# What are the Unique Qualities of the Kingdom of Christ?

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- **It's oneness!**

- Ephesians 4:1 – 6
- John 17:20 – 23



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  - John 10:7 – 9
  - John 14:6
  - Galatians 3:26 – 27
  - Ephesians 1:3



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- **To be continued in Part 2...**



A hand holding a glowing city on a cliff against a cosmic sky. The city is illuminated with a golden light, and a bright light source is visible behind it. The sky is filled with blue and green nebulae and stars. The hand is dark and appears to be holding the city from below.

# **CITIZENS OF THE KINGDOM**

**Are you a citizen of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ?**