



## Wayne's Words

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### Christians – a Lucky People?

Christians are amazingly privileged. We are not just adherents of one of a bunch of religions that we happened to be born into or found convenient. It is not like inheriting a football allegiance from our grandparents, a team who are up one year and down the next depending on the off season recruiting.

No! As a believer in Christ, you are joined to the very heart and centre of the universe, to the One who put it all together with a divine and loving purpose. The Creator has recruited you, has searched you out and made you one of his team, his close-knit family. Through his recruiting agent, the Son, he has transformed you from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of light. That is, you no longer belong to the mindset of a victim, one of the anonymous crowd or someone who never quite made it. You are not invisible to God nor are you insignificant or marginal to his purposes.

As our reading in Colossians says, '[God] has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.' The kingdom of light consists in all goodness, faithfulness, joy and peace where love abounds in holiness with courage. There is no darkness in light. No inadequacy, sin, or failure can fail to be transformed by the God 'who has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of our sins.'

These need to become more than just words to us. As we re-read and absorb them, they are to become the reality upon which we forge our lived identity. This takes an open and believing heart and mental discipline in the cut and thrust of our thought life amid the various situations and emotions that assail us. God's grace empowers us as we give him thanks and ask for his help. We need also to devote ourselves to the gathering of the community of faith around the Word. In isolation we easily become mental fodder for the enemy.

Meditate deeply on what God has done for you and in you through Jesus. Choose each moment to live from that reality. This is the walk of faith that God has called us to and gifted us with. Whatever we face, we discover that we are of all people most blessed. That beats 'being lucky' any day.

God bless you,

*Wayne*