

# Three T's to Eternity

Translated, Transformed, Transported

## Introduction

1. **All three of these terms are scriptural and can be found in the following verses:**

Colossians 1:13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed {translated} us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,

Romans 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Luke 16:22 So it was that the beggar died, and was carried {transported} by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried.

- A. **Unfortunately, these terms do not always occupy the minds and hearts of men and women as they ought to.**
  - 1) **The earthly, carnal, and mundane things here are not to be compared to the themes of these three points in which the Holy Spirit has written.**

## Translated

1. **The apostle Paul is addressing the Colossian brethren here. He tells them:**

Colossians 1:13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed {translated} us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,

2. **The Colossians having been buried with Christ in baptism (Vs 12), had been delivered from the power or kingdom of darkness and had been translated (transferred) into the kingdom or power of God's Son.**

- A. In ancient times, when one kingdom captivated another, it often would “translate” (carry, transfer), the conquered kingdom from one place to another.
- 1) They carried their captives away, translating them into their kingdom.
- B. We learn that when the sinner has been delivered from the power of Satan, (called out of darkness by obedience), he can be described as being “translated” into God’s kingdom.
3. A war is taking place on the battlefield of the mind. The devil’s artillery of lusts and pride verses the love, grace, and goodness of God as expressed in the power of God, the gospel.  
**2 Corinthians 4:3-4; 10:3-5; Romans 1:16**
4. When one with an honest heart obeys the truth given by the Spirit, his allegiance is changed from the devil and translated into the kingdom of light and love.

Luke 8:15 But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.

1 Peter 1:22 Since you have purified your souls in **obeying the truth** through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart,

- A. Even one’s citizenship is permanently moved from the old kingdom of Satan to God’s wonderful kingdom of light. (Eph 2:19-3:6)
- B. One is subtracted from the number of the lost and added to the roll of the redeemed, the church of Christ through baptism.  
**Acts 2:38, 47**
- C. Have you been translated, or are you yet following the course of bondage, death, and eternal misery?

## Transformed

1. **The apostle Paul addressing the Roman and Ephesian brethren told them:  
**Romans 12:1-2; Ephesians 4:22-24****
2. **When one is translated into the kingdom of God, there should come a transformation of one's character and conduct.**
  - A. **Some are translated who are never perfectly transformed.  
**Luke 8:13-14; 1 Corinthians 3:1-3****
  - B. **Being conformed and transformed into the image of God's Son is a daily struggle.**
    - 1) **It is tackled with frustration, but unto those who are exercised thereby, it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness.**
    - 2) **In a sense, one could say that translation is easier than transformation.**
      - a) **Being born is easier than the proper development of one's faculties and functions.**
3. **Apart from transformation, however, there can be no salvation.**

Hebrews 12:14 Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord:

- A. **Christians fervently, and rightly so, stress the process of translation while often times lightly touch the quest for transformation.**
  - 1) **As a new born baby dies if he does not grow and develop, so the babe in Christ will die if he does not go on unto perfection (Matt 5:48).**
    - a) **One must transform his conduct in harmony with the guidelines of truth!**

## Transported

### 1. Notice what Jesus says in Luke and Matthew:

Luke 16:22-23 So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

### Matthew 13:41-42, 47-50

### 2. It is a fact that you may not be translated into the kingdom of God's Son, or you may not be transformed in heart and life, but we will be transported when we die!

- A. All that are in the graves shall hear the voice of the Son of God and all shall come forth.
- B. You may turn a deaf ear to the call to be translated. You may reject the appeal to be transformed, but all of us will be given eternal transportation.

1 Thessalonians 4:16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

- 1) We shall be transported to meet him in the clouds or cast away from the glory of his power forever and ever!

### 3. It is the ultimate end of our transportation that makes our present translation and transformation so vitally important.

- A. Imagine being carried by the angels to meet the Lord in comfort or to be cast away unto tribulation and anguish, indignation, and wrath!
- B. These awesome reflections should cause each one of us to contemplate the current state of our souls.

Hebrews 10:31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

*"The harvest is past, The summer is ended, And we are not saved!"* (Jer 8:20)

