

## God's Complete Salvation

### Colossians 2:13-15

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**NKJ** <sup>13</sup> And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, <sup>14</sup> having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. <sup>15</sup> Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

#### I. We Were Dead

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##### A. Our deadness

##### B. In our sinful actions (works, violations) – “in your trespasses”

##### C. In our sinful nature (will, volition) – “in the uncircumcision of your flesh”

#### II. Jesus Made Us Alive...

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##### A. Brought to life – “And you...He has made alive together with Him” (Only here and in Eph 2:5)

##### B. By forgiving us our sinful actions – “having forgiven you all trespasses”

##### C. By wiping out our sinful condemnation (addresses our nature)

###### 1. “Having wiped out”

- (Acts 3:19) Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord,
- (Rev 21:4) And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away. (also similar in 7:17)

###### 2. “the handwriting”

- Literal translation
- Only time used in the NT

###### 3. “of the requirements”

- Greek = dogma (δόγμα) – “fixed rule or set of rules”
- Thayer: *an opinion, a judgment* (Plato, others), *doctrine, decree, ordinance*
  1. of public decrees...of rulers (Lu 2:1; Acts 17:7; Heb 11:23);
  2. of the rules and requirements of the law of Moses...the law containing precepts in the form of decrees...(Eph 2:15) ... equivalent to ...the bond against us by its decrees (Col 2:14)
  3. of certain decrees of the apostles relative to right living (Acts 16:4)

###### 4. “that was against us”

- (Rom 3:19-20) Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law [is] the knowledge of sin.
- (Gal 2:16) knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.
- (Gal 3:10) For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, “Cursed [is] everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them.”

### III. ...By Becoming the Solution to Our Sin Problems

And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. <sup>15</sup> Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

καὶ αὐτὸ ἦρκεν ἐκ τοῦ μέσου προσηλώσας αὐτὸ τῷ σταυρῷ· <sup>15</sup> ἀπεκδυσάμενος τὰς ἀρχὰς καὶ τὰς ἐξουσίας ἐδειγμάτισεν ἐν παρρησίᾳ, θριαμβεύσας αὐτοὺς ἐν αὐτῷ.

#### A. He fully paid for the penalty of our sins on the cross

##### 1. "And He has taken it out of the way"

- (1 John 3:5) And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin.

##### 2. "having nailed it to the cross."

- (Gal 3:13) Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed [is] everyone who hangs on a tree"),
- (Col 1:20) and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.
- (1 Pet 2:24) who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness -- by whose stripes you were healed.

#### B. He fully conquered the powers of sin

##### 1. Disarmed (only here & 3:9) – "Having disarmed principalities and powers,"

- (Heb 2:14-15) Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.
- (1 Cor 15:24) Then [comes] the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power.
- (Col 1:16) For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.
- (Col 2:10) and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.
- (1 Pet 3:22) who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him.

##### 2. Displayed (only here & Mt 1:19) – "He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it."

- Lit. "made them a public display (or disgrace) **in boldness**"
- (2 Cor 2:14) Now thanks [be] to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place.

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