Two things I can say about the rain is that all that grass I planted this fall looks like it might have a head start next spring and at least it is not snow or ice. I love how snow looks in the sunshine but I'd really rather not have to shovel it anytime soon. But as pretty as pure white untouched snow is, once it has melted a bit and mixed with mud it is a nasty looking, dirty slush. Can you imagine the pure and spotless, holy Son of God, our Lord Jesus having all the sins of the world poured out on Him? Just my own sins are bad enough but He paid the price for the sins of humanity. That should make us stop and think long and hard about the price that our Lord Jesus paid so that we could be made pure and clean in God's sight. As we prepare for a very special Communion Sunday this week. Let's look at these verses together.

Colossians 2:13-14 You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ. He forgave all our sins. [14] He canceled the record that contained the charges against us. He took it and destroyed it by nailing it to Christ's cross. (NLT)
2 Corinthians 5:21 For our sake he [God] made him [Jesus] to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. (ESV)

"True cancellation of debt happened when the record of our deeds was nailed to the cross. How was this damning record nailed to the cross? Parchment was NOT nailed to the cross. Christ was. So Christ became my damning record of bad (and good) deeds. He endured my damnation" (Piper - 50 Reasons Jesus Came to Die - pg. 33)

PRAYER: Lord Jesus, thank you for becoming MY sin so that You could pay for my sins. Thank you for paying for my sin personally - for every wrong word, every egotistical act, every sinful thought, every time I though I could handle life without You. Thank You Lord God for Your Amazing Grace.

Pastor Mark Kieft
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