

The TRIUMPH of the CROSS ~ Colossians 2:11-15

→ Scripture Reading - Col 2:11-15

INTRODUCTION

There are NONE so Blind as those who WILL NOT see.

False Teachers said MORE was Needed... HNTC

- NEW Knowledge
- Ecstatic Experiences
- Legalism- Asceticism extreme self-denial

Colossians 2:9–10 (CSB) For the entire Fullness of God's Nature Dwells Bodily IN Christ, ¹⁰ and you have been FILLED by Him, who is the Head over every ruler and authority.

Spiritual Circumcision? ~ Colossians 1:11-12

¹¹ In Him you were also circumcised, in the putting off of the sinful nature, not with a circumcision done by the hands of men but with the circumcision done by Christ, ¹² having been buried with HIM in baptism and raised with Him through your faith in the power of God, who raised Him from the dead.

Romans 6:4 (NLT) For we DIED and were buried WITH Christ by Baptism. And just as Christ was RAISED from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives.

IMPLICATION

John 1:14, 16 (NIV) The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, FULL of grace and truth... ¹⁶ From the Fullness of His grace we have ALL received one blessing after another.

Galatians 2:20 (NLT) My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives IN me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

1 Corinthians 15:3–4 (NLT) I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ DIED for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. ⁴ He was BURIED, and He was RAISED from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said.

ALIVE with Christ ~ Colossians 1:13-15

¹³ When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴ having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; He took it away, nailing it to the cross.

God Himself PAID the debt when His Son died on the cross. God upheld the holiness of His own Law when Jesus died to pay the penalty for our sin. He also took it away, by nailing it to the cross. When Jesus died, the condemning document was destroyed. We are fully forgiven. HOTC

¹⁵ And having disarmed the powers and authorities, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

On the Cross God stripped the powers and authorities naked, He held them up to public contempt, and led them in His own triumphant procession - in Christ, the crucified Messiah. TNTC

TAKE AWAY ??

Ephesians 2:1-5 (CSB) And you were dead in your trespasses and sins ² in which you previously walked according to the ways of this world, according to the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit now working in the disobedient.

³ We too all previously lived among them in our fleshly desires, carrying out the inclinations of our flesh and thoughts, and we were by nature children under wrath as the others were also.

⁴ BUT GOD, who is rich in Mercy, because of His great love that He had for us, ⁵ made us ALIVE with Christ even though we were DEAD in trespasses. You are saved BY Grace.

He paid a Debt He did NOT Owe - because I owed a debt I could NOT Pay

Psalm 103:8-14 (NIV) ⁸ The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. ⁹ He will not always accuse, nor will He harbor His anger forever; ¹⁰ He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for those who fear Him;

¹² as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.

¹³ As a father has compassion on His children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear Him; ¹⁴ for He knows how we are formed, He remembers that we are dust.

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken - I'm accepted, You were condemned
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me - Because You died and rose again

Amazing love, how can it be - That You, my King, should die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true - And it's my joy to honor You
In all I do, to honor You