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Colossians 2:13-15

Verse 13

“dead in your sins” – Ephesians 2:1 – a **positional** reality

- To be dead in your sin is to be so locked into sin that you are unable to **respond** to God. You are a spiritual corpse.

“uncircumcision of your sinful nature” – verses 11-12 – You are a **slave** to sin.

“God made you alive with Christ” – Ephesians 2:4-5 – Paul is basically repeating what he explained in process in verse 12. We are given **life** in Christ.

- Our being made alive involved the **forgiveness** of everything that had once alienated us from God.

“He forgave us all our sins”

- Past tense = it’s done. There is no **future** need for forgiveness.
- All = All we’ve done, all we’re **going** to do. Isaiah 1:18

Verse 14

“written code” – a signed **confession** of debt

“took it away; nailing it to the cross” – When I own up to what I owe, God then pays it in **full** through the cross of Jesus Christ.

“cancelled” – to **wipe off**

- Not only is the debt paid in full by being nailed to the cross, the **evidence** of it, the confession, is wiped clean so it can never be referred to again.

The fullness that is ours in Christ (v. 10) means our forgiveness is **complete**. There is no such thing as an **unforgiven** sin in the life of a Christian.

Verse 15

“powers & authorities” – all the **spiritual** forces of this world that are in rebellion against God.

- John 12:31-32
- God has given **Satan** rule of this planet.
- The **cross** will be what ends that rule.
- Matthew 4:8-10; 26:36-46; 27:39-44

“disarmed them” – Hebrews 2:14-15; 1 Corinthians 15:55-57

- Jesus totally disarms the enemy through the cross by making sin, death, and the law no longer tools **against** us.

In Christ, our victory over the enemy is **complete**.

In Christ our salvation is complete because our forgiveness is complete which means our victory is complete!

- 1) Hebrews 8:10-12: If you are hanging on to the guilt of something God has forgotten, you might as well forgive **yourself**.
- 2) Ephesians 4:32: God’s forgiveness of us should **motivate** our forgiveness of others.
 - The forgiveness of Jesus changes us or we haven’t **experienced** it.
- 3) Within the sovereignty of God, Satan cannot harm believers who will not harm **themselves**. (James 1:14-15)
 - If Satan has a stronghold in my life, it is because I **gave** him the property. And the **solution** is to realign my “want to” with the truth of God’s Word in the victory that is mine in Christ.
- 4) The only way to get in on what Paul has described is to put yourself in the hands of Jesus, to receive Him by **faith**, to surrender your life for His, and it all becomes yours.