

The Problem is SIN – Colossians 2:10-15

Our study of Colossians is all about the Supremacy of Jesus Christ over all other spiritual ideas and philosophies

IN 61 AD – Just like today – People were bringing ideas & Philosophies into the church

that were MINIMIZING Jesus Christ
& MAXIMIZING their own approach to spirituality

& Colossians has been refuting those man-made ideas

& showing how Jesus is far above
ANY spiritual or religious philosophy man can come up with

& today we get to - the SHOW-STOPPER
Today we get to - the MIC-DROP MOMENT

These vs's address the PROBLEM
that ONLY Jesus Christ can Sufficiently ADDRESS

& THAT – is THE PROBLEM OF SIN

There is NO Religion – NO Philosophy – No Ideology
that can sufficiently handle – The PROBLEM of SIN

So Let's Pray - & we'll look at WHY this is true

The problem is SIN

Sin is the problem. And there is NO empty philosophy or high-sounding nonsense (As C28 calls them)

that can sufficiently address the Problem of sin

Because God is first and foremost
Holy and Just and Righteous –

and there can be NO SIN in the presence of God

And so no matter how Philosophical or high sounding
some other spiritual approach is

if it doesn't Address SIN
in a way that satisfies a perfectly Holy God

Then it cannot get you into God's presence

Only God himself can address the SIN PROBLEM.

And since – there is no 'MAN'S WAY' that can satisfy
God's requirement for dealing with sin

God had to make a way to DEAL with OUR SIN - Himself

& our text today makes God's way super clear

Let's Back up one Vs – to **Vs 10** to start
(*this was our final vs last week*)

Colossians 2:10 (NLT)

10 So you also are complete through your union with Christ, who is the head over every ruler and authority.

You are complete (in God's Eyes)

Thru your "**UNION**" with **Jesus** Christ

Thru your "**Becoming ONE**" with **Jesus**

Thru you being "**IDENTIFIED**" with **Jesus**

& **verse 11** begins to **explain**
how you are **made complete** in Christ

Colossians 2:11 (NLT)

11 When you came to Christ, you were "circumcised," but not by a physical procedure. Christ performed a spiritual circumcision—the cutting away of your sinful nature.

Physical Circumcision was a **huge deal**
in the **O.T.** (& **still** in the **N.T.**)

It **was** the **sign** – of your **Covenant** – to **Follow God's Law**

But **even Moses** said (**Deut 10:16**)

Spiritual circumcision - was the **circumcision** of the **heart**

Circumcision was a **sign**
of the **cutting away** your **sin nature**

Before you received Jesus Christ as your Savior
& became identified with him as your Lord

you were living completely IN your Sin Nature

& that Sin Nature was ultimately
leading you - to Eternal Separation from God

SO – your Sin Nature had to be CUT AWAY

It had to be STRIPPED AWAY

It had to be “OVERCOME”

& When you Received Jesus as your Savior & Lord
(or when you DO receive Jesus as your Savior & Lord)

He performs a Spiritual Surgery
to Overcome your Sin Nature

Unfortunately – that does not mean
you’ll never BATTLE your sin nature again

BUT – It DOES mean
your sin nature has been Positionally Conquered

by the Victory of Jesus Christ Over SIN – On your Behalf

The Bible is clear - - when you put your faith in Jesus -
when you trust in him completely for your salvation

His Victory over sin, becomes Your Victory over sin,
BY YOU PUTTING YOUR FAITH IN HIM

Positionally Jesus Christ

Has **Conquered** Sin **IN YOUR PLACE** And on your behalf

& **HIS Victory** Over **Sin** – **Becomes Your Victory** over **Sin**
By you **being Identified** with Jesus – **Thru FAITH**

that means - **God** sees **you**

in the **RIGHTEOUSNESS** of **Jesus Christ**

It **means** that the **Consequence** of **your Sin**
(which is **Separation** from God)

Has been **OVERCOME**

BY Jesus – **ON** your **Behalf** (& in **your place**)

Which is **God Himself** **making** a **way** - **the only way**
for **you** to **live** for **eternity** with **Him** in Heaven

& **HOW** does the **Victory** of **Jesus** over sin -
become OUR Victory over sin?

The answer – is by **us becoming** “**Fully Identified**” with **Jesus**

& **the Word** most **often used** In the **Bible** for our
“Identification with Christ” – is the word “**Baptism**”

But **there** are **two words** **used** in the **Bible** for **BAPTISM**

One Word (Bapto) - **Means** to be **immersed in water**

& Another Word (Baptizo) –

Means to be Fully IDENTIFIED with Jesus Christ

The word actually means – *to be So Immersed into Jesus
that a permanent Change takes place in you*

It means you take on the PROPERTIES

Of what you are IMMERSED into

So – think about THAT LEVEL of “IDENTIFICATION”
as we read Col 2:12

Colossians 2:12 (NLT)

12 For you were buried with Christ when you were baptized. You were so identified with Jesus – that when he was buried – YOU were buried “with him” And with him you were raised to new life (when he was raised to new life, you were raised to new life with him) because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead.

“For you were buried with Christ . . .”

“And you were raised to new life with Christ”

By the Miracle of IDENTIFICATION

With Jesus Christ – Thru FAITH

YOU are permanently changed - - So that

HIS Death to Sin - becomes YOUR Death to Sin

When He was buried

your Sin Nature was buried with Him

When He ROSE to New Resurrection Life

YOU rose to New Resurrection Life - WITH HIM

THAT is the miracle of you putting your Faith in Jesus Christ

& as believers - we are commanded

to be BAPTIZED (*Immersed under water*)

AS A SIGN – A PICTURE

of what the word Baptized really means

But - - please notice very carefully

You are NOT IDENTIFIED with Jesus Christ

BECAUSE you were immersed under water

Look carefully again - at the middle of V.12

NLT - 12 *you were raised to new life because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead.*

There is ONLY One Way to be raised to New Life IN Christ

THAT IS - through Trusting the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead.

It is **YOUR FAITH ALONE** – that Identifies you Completely
with the *Victory of Christ over Sin*

it is your **FAITH** that makes you **COMPLETE** in Him

& WHEN He did **Jesus** do this for you?

He **did it** – **when** you **were** still **Dead in your Sin** !!!

Colossians 2:13 (NLT)

13 You were dead meaning spiritually dead ***because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins.***

Because of **our sin and because** of our **sin nature**

We were **already spiritually dead** - meaning **separated** from God

We **didn't EARN** the right be **made ALIVE** with Christ

We **didn't reach** some **Level** where God said

“OK now their worthy of the Life of Jesus”

NO – Jesus did it – Jesus PAID it ALL

When we were **DEAD in our sins**

It was **at that point**

When we were **separated** from God **BY our Sin**

that **Jesus** Christ **took our sin** upon Himself

& paid the full penalty –
for our sin - IN OUR PLACE – On the Cross

Jesus Christ BECAME IDENTIFIED with our Sin
Jesus - BECAME our SIN

In order to pay the full penalty FOR our Sin – IN our Place

& when we RECEIVE – By FAITH –
The Price Jesus Christ PAID - IN our Place – On the Cross

The End of V. 13 says *God made us alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins*

This is referring to Eternal Life with Christ
As opposed to Eternal Separation from God

& When v.13 says God FORGAVE all our sins
when we were IDENTIFIED with Christ - thru our Faith in him

It doesn't mean an ARBITRARY Forgiveness
It doesn't mean we EARNED any forgiveness
It doesn't mean we DESERVE any forgiveness

It means that – because of our Identification with Christ –
& because of the Price HE PAID on the Cross – in our place

The Full Penalty for our Sins – is FULLY PAID

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NKJV)

21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Jesus Christ BECAME Our sin

to pay the full penalty – on OUR Behalf

So that WE could BECOME the righteousness of God - IN HIM

For All of Eternity – we will be AWESTRUCK

By that Truth

And then Paul deals with the legal side of God himself

taking away our sin - and giving us the righteousness of Christ

Colossians 2:14 (NLT)

14 He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross.

The Record of our sins stood in Judgement against us

The Record of our sins proved we deserved God's full judgement

& That record was Completely Obliterated !!

It was Nailed to the Cross

& it was covered with the Blood of The Son of God

Not only did the Nails hold Jesus to the cross

**But they also held the list of our sins -
pinned between His bleeding hand, & that rugged cross**

When (BY FAITH) You become Identified with Jesus Christ

His Blood on the Cross – wipes out your sin

& His VICTORY Gives you New (& *eternal*) Life - IN HIM !!!

AND THAT – is True – Complete - Eternal – Victory !!

**Hell thought they had you
when you were dead in your sins**

But then - AT THE CROSS

**Jesus Christ Disarmed the Principalities & Powers
that are at work in this World**

& He made a Public Spectacle of Them

**& He Triumphed over them
Once & for all**

**On behalf of all those
who put their Faith in Him for Salvation**

In **Col 2:15** - we have the "**Final VICTORY**
of **Jesus Christ** (*On Your Behalf*)

over the **Principalities & Powers** of this World

Colossians 2:15 (NLT)

15 In this way, he disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross.

IN THIS WAY ? – Jesus **disarmed** & **shamed**
the **spiritual rulers & authorities**

The words "**IN THIS WAY**" are the **Most important** words for **YOU** !
because **it refers to the previous Vs.**

The **Previous Vs.** is **the WHERE** & **the WHEN**
of Jesus Christ **Triumphing** over Your **Spiritual Enemy**

Again - Colossians 2:14 (NLT)

14 He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross.

The moment you put your **Full Faith** in Jesus Christ

Thru your Identification with Him;

Jesus Christ **cancels** the **Record of Sin** against you - &
He **takes it away** by **Nailing it** to HIS OWN Cross

and **IN THAT ACTION**

He **Triumphs** over your spiritual enemy – **On your Behalf**

There is NO other Spiritual Idea, Philosophy, or Religion
That CAN do that - - Or HAS done that

The PROBLEM is SIN

Because SIN CANNOT BE

in the Presence of a Perfectly HOLY God

& There is NO Man-Made way – to Fix Your SIN Problem

& So God Himself – Made a way
For your Sin to be Completely PAID For

& for you to be able to Stand in his Presence –
In the Righteousness of Jesus Christ

& that only Way comes – BY Jesus Christ PAYING
the full Penalty for your Sin – In Your Place

& then you being fully Identified with Jesus
By Putting your FULL FAITH in Him Alone

For Him to Pay – the Full Penalty – for YOUR Sin
& Give you HIS Righteousness

Allowing you to live forever

In the presence of a Perfectly Holy God

Let's Pray