

The Triumph of the Crucified

Col. 2:13-15 When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴ having cancelled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Introduction

1. The victorious One

- 1.1 Over temptation – contrast Eden to the desert
- 1.2 Over all enemies – including death

2. Proposition

We celebrate the victory of Christ on the cross because it is the means of our victory.

Victory over Sin and Sinfulness

1. Our sin

- 1.1 Christ's death and sacrifice gives us forgiveness and cleansing
- 1.2 We receive His life when we confess, repent and believe

2. Our sinfulness

- 2.1 Our in-born nature is to sin, rebel and be hostile to God (Rom.8:13)
- 2.2 We need spiritual circumcision of the heart

Victory over the Law and Religious Rules

1. The Law and its curse

- 1.1 The certificate of debt has been wiped clean
- 1.2 The Law was fulfilled by Christ (Matt 5:17) "It is finished"

2. Religious regulations removed

- 2.1 Meaning – to take away; to carry off; to cause to cease; to remove
- 2.2 Examples – festivals, foods, special days and rituals (Col. 2:16)

Victory over Satan and Evil Forces

1. Christ stripped himself of their claims and chains

- 1.1 Their accusations against Him
- 1.2 They were defeated, disarmed and displayed in triumphal procession

2. Celebration of Victory

- 2.1 “The Triumph” – Roman analogy (2 Cor. 2:14)
- 2.2 The Lord’s Supper

Conclusion

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. (Gal. 6:14)

1. The world – its enticement, system, display and religion
2. Our glory is in the cross

Ron’s Quotes:

*“When you take up the cross,
God circumcises your heart from the sinful nature”*

*“You can walk in victory today if you will lay down your life
and identify with Jesus in His death and resurrection”*