

Colossians 2:13-15 **Forgiven in Christ**

1. **The circumcision of Christ (Review)**

- a. The problem: Sin, death, separation from life in Christ. The wages of sin is death. (Rom 6:23a)
- b. Jesus Christ, fully God and fully man, made provision to offer resurrection to humanity. (1 Cor 15:54-57)
- c. God can offer mercy and grace. (Evident throughout scripture) This is possible through the finished work of Christ on the cross. (Kept secret until the mystery of Christ was revealed)
- d. By grace through faith in Christ's finished work, we are baptized (identified) into His death. (Rom 6:3)
- e. The body of the sins of the flesh has been put off by the circumcision of Christ. (Col 2:11)
- f. Sin has no more **dominion** over you. You are dead unto sin and alive unto God, reckon it so. (Rom 6:11, 22-23)
 - This standing is given to us so that we may serve God. Our position in Christ equips us to walk worthy. (Rom 6:4, Rom 8:8-9, Col 1:9-10) A believer can walk according to either Adam or Christ, but only be in one positionally. (1 Cor 15:22)

2. **Quickened together with Christ • Colossians 2:13**

- a. Christ's death is our death, Christ's life (quickening) is our life. This is our standing/position. (Gal 2:20)
- b. We are quickened (made alive) **with Him**. We live in the Spirit, which enables us to walk in the Spirit. (Eph 2:1-6, Gal 5:25)
- c. Forgiven **all trespasses**, this is **not** Mat 18:24-25. We are forgiven instantly by His blood by grace through faith. (Col 1:14, Eph 1:17, 4:32)
- d. We are forgiven by being in Him, an exchange. (1 Cor 6:11, 2 Cor 5:21)

3. **The triumphant work of Christ • Colossians 2:14-15**

- a. We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus (Eph 2:10)
- b. The handwriting of ordinances: the law. Enmity, against us, contrary to us. (Eph 2:15-16)
- c. Note: "middle wall of partition" (Eph 2:14)
- d. The law is the strength of sin. It only makes the problem more apparent. (1 Cor 15:56, Gal 3:23-24)
- e. The law does not produce righteousness! You are dead to the law by the body of Christ. In Christ righteousness is found. (Gal 2:21, Rom 7:4, Rom 3:21, 5:19)
- f. Reminder of context: Complete in Him. Wisdom and knowledge of the world does not perfect us. (Col 2:10)
- g. Spoiling: the wisdom of God vs the wisdom of the world (Col 2:8, 1 Cor 1:18-21)
- h. He made shew of them openly... had they known they would not have crucified Christ. (1 Cor 2:5-7)