

Colossians Class Schedule

18	6/2/2019	2:11 -12	He Is the Solution to Our Sin Nature
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Outline*

- A. The Threat to Our Relationship to Christ 2:4-8
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- B. The Glory of Our Relationship to Christ 2:9-15
 - 1. He is the Solution to Our Inadequacy 2:9-10
 - a. The Fullness of the Son 2:9
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 - a. Our Former Condition 2:13a
 - b. Our Present Union 2:13b
 - c. Our Present Forgiveness 2:13c-14
 - 4. He Is the Solution to Our Arch-enemy 2:15

⁹ For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form,
¹⁰ and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority;
¹¹ and in Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ;
¹² having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.
¹³ When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions,
¹⁴ having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.
¹⁵ When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him.

¹³ When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions,

when you were dead

lit: and you being dead

being – *eimi* – the state in which someone or something continuously exists

you as an unbeliever were continuously in the state of death (or separation) from God

dead is an adjective that describes this condition

see parallel verses Eph 2:1 and Eph 2:5

Christ also described man this way in Matt 8:21-22

¹³ When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions,
in your transgressions

transgressions - *paraptōma* – fault, lapse, error,
mistake, wrongdoing

That is, the death spoken of was spiritual death, a death involving wrong doing (transgressions). They were physically alive while walking around in a state of spiritual death, devoid of the life of God and activated by a totally depraved nature.

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unbelievers are sinners in two ways – by what they practice (transgression) and their sin nature

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the uncircumcision of your flesh

a believer is one who has been spiritually circumcised without hands

Col 2:11 and in Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ;

- the uncircumcision of your flesh is speaking of our sin nature

13 When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions,

God's actions on our behalf:

1st - He made you alive together with Him

lit: He made alive together* with Him you

double emphasis on “our living union with Christ”

Eph 2:5 even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

* aorist, indicative, active

¹³ When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions,

2nd - having forgiven us all our transgressions

having in grace forgiven you all your trespasses*

having forgiven - *charizomai* - to bestow a favor
unconditionally

Eph 4:32b --- forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you. – also Col 3:13

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¹⁴ having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

3rd - having canceled out the certificate of debt

having canceled out - *exaleiphō* - the sense of removal, to wipe away, wipe off, obliterate

other things God has (or will) wiped away:
see Acts 13:19, Rev 21:4

the certificate of debt

lit: the handwriting

What is the handwriting?

see these verses: Ex 31:18, Gal 3:13, Eph 2:15

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(the handwriting) **consisting of**

a. **decrees against us**

This law is conceived here as a *bond, a bill of debt*, standing against those who have not received Christ.

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a. **which was hostile to us**

Rom 4:15 for the Law brings about wrath, but where there is no law, there also is no violation.

Rom 5:20a The Law came in so that the transgression would increase

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4th – He (Christ) **has taken it out of the way,**
lit: took out of the midst

1 Peter 2:24 and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.

5th - **having nailed it to the cross.**

God crucified the bill of debt with Christ on the cross.

Constable

Christ's accusation was nailed to the cross - Matt 27:37

Our accusations were also nailed to the cross – v:14

¹⁵ When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him.

When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities

disarmed - having put off from Himself

the rulers and authorities (principalities and the powers)

Christ divested Himself at the cross of the evil powers which had struggled with Him so strongly throughout His ministry in attempts to force Him to abandon the pathway of the cross*

Luke 4:1-13 – temptation of the devil

Matt 16:22-23 – get behind me Satan

Luke 22:53 – power of darkness

* Constable quoting Johnson

¹⁵ When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him.

He made a public display (a show) of them, having triumphed over them through (in) Him.

Jesus triumphed over Satan and his spiritual hosts by entering Satan's domain, death*, and rising out of it in His glorious resurrection. The resurrected Messiah is God's object lesson to all fallen angels that resurrection life and righteousness will triumph over death and unrighteousness that they represent.

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* Heb 2:14b --- that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil,