

Nailed To The Cross

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Colossians 2:14 (ESV)

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God set aside the legal demands of the perfect Law of God by nailing them to the cross. God's perfect Law has revealed our sin. It has exposed our sinful nature which is the barrier between us and God.

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God canceled the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

Often, we hear people say that they try to keep the Law to draw close to God. However, God in fact says that the purpose of the Law is to expose our sin.

Romans 3:20 (ESV)

For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

Therefore, God cancelled, wiped out the legal demands of the Law held against us.

2 Corinthians 5:21 (ESV)

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

In the OT they sacrificed lambs to God year after year for the atonement for sin. However, when Jesus came, he was the final lamb of God which ended all sacrifice.

John 1:29 (ESV)

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

Jesus was the last sacrifice which paid for the sin of the world.

Hebrews 9:26 (ESV)

But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

Not only was the penalty for sin paid, but the Law and regulations were removed by nailing them to the cross.

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This God set aside the Law by nailing it to the cross.

We should be awestruck and eternally grateful for the sacrificial love God has shown us through Jesus Christ. However, some of us may say, “I have dedicated myself to God’s service, but an acquaintance of mine does nothing for Jesus. Does that mean we both are equally and totally forgiven by trusting Jesus as Savior?” The answer is yes. Everything was nailed to the cross. The Bible says that those who love God obey God. Also, the Bible clearly says there are rewards in heaven for faithful service to God here on earth. The Bible also says that there will not be any rewards in heaven for those believers who are not faithful here on earth. For those believers who focus on earthly benefits rather than the things of God, their earthly efforts will be burned up.

1 Corinthians 3:15 (ESV)

If anyone’s work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.

The glories and pleasures of this world will be burned up with no eternal reward. However, we have total and absolute forgiveness through Jesus Christ. Our forgiveness is so complete that Satan himself cannot bring any accusation against us.

Satan the accuser says, “Wallace failed here.” Jesus my intercessor says, “I paid for that. He is innocent.”

Colossians 2:15 (ESV)

God disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

This Satan and all his hostile supernatural powers. On the cross, Christ disarmed the powers and authorities. There is nothing to be held against us by which Satan can accuse us. Jesus paid it all and the Law is nailed to the cross. The crucifixion and resurrection are the supreme historical events and public spectacles of Christ’s victory over evil. Believe on the Lord Jesus and you will be saved. Now just as you have believed continue to live your faith out in the same way.

Colossians 2:6

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live in HIM.

As we accept Christ by faith (receiving, trusting, depending on Christ for our salvation not by any works whatsoever) we are to walk in that same kind of faith (receiving, trusting, depending on Christ for our salvation not by any works whatsoever). This is a moment by moment walking with Jesus in the Spirit.

Galatians 2:20 (ESV)

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.