

Colossians 3:13 “Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.”

Ephesians 4:32 “Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.”

Matthew 6:14 “For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ^[15] But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.”

Jesus Came to the Rescue!
Colossians 2:11-15
Lesson #9
2/11/24

I. Our salvation is through Jesus Christ.

A. Our salvation does not depend on physical circumcision?

Colossians 2:11 “In Him you were also circumcised in the putting off of the sinful nature, not with a circumcision done by the hands of men, but with the circumcision done by Christ.”

Galatians 5:3 “Again I declare to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is obligated to obey the whole law.”

James 2:10 “For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.”

Galatians 5:4 “You who are trying to be justified by law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace.”

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Deuteronomy 10:16 “Circumcise your hearts, therefore, and do not be stiff-necked any longer.”

Deuteronomy 30:6 “The LORD your God will circumcise your hearts and the hearts of your descendants, so that you may know him with all your heart and with all your soul, and live.”

B. Our salvation does not depend on water baptism.

****Colossians 2:12** “Having been buried with Him in baptism and raised with Him through your faith in the power of God, who raised Him from the dead.”

Matthew 28:19 “Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. ^[20] Teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

I Corinthians 12:13 “For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body – whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free -- and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.”

II. Our salvation means we are alive in Christ.

Colossians 2:13a “When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ.”

Ephesians 2:1 “As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins.”

****Colossians 2:13b** “... God made you alive with Christ.”

Ephesians 2:4 “But because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ^[5] made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions – it is by grace you have been saved.”

III. Our salvation means we are forgiven.

Colossians 2:13b “... He forgave us all our sins.”

Psalms 32:1 “Blessed is He whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. ^[2] Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count against Him and in whose spirit is no deceit.”

Acts 10:43 “All the prophets testify about Him that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name.”

****Colossians 2:14a** “Having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us;”

Romans 3:10 “There is no one righteous, not even one.”

Romans 6:23a “For the wages of sin is death”

Galatians 3:10 “All who rely on observing the law are under a curse, for it is written: “Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law.”

****Colossians 2:14a** “Having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us;”

Colossians 2:14b “... He took it away, nailing it to the cross.”

Psalms 103:10 “He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. ^[11] For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for those who fear Him; ^[12] As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.”

IV. Our salvation means we are victorious.

Colossians 2:15 “And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.”

Hebrews 2:14 “Since the children have flesh and blood, He too shared in their humanity so that by His death He might destroy him who holds the power of death – that is – the devil.”

I John 3:8 “He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil’s work.”

Romans 8:37 “No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. ^[38] For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ^[39] Neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

How can we apply this lesson to our life?

A. We should express gratitude to the Lord since He forgave us!

Psalms 103:1 “Praise the LORD. O my soul; all my inmost being, praise His holy name. ^[2] Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits – ^[3a] Who forgives all your sin”

I Chronicles 16:8 “Give thanks to the LORD, call on His name; make known among the nations what He has done.”

2 Corinthians 9:15 “Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift.”

Colossians 2:13b “... He forgave us all our sins.”

B. We should exhibit kindness and forgive those who offend us!