

Kingdom-Minded
Victory Through the Cross
Sunday, July 6, 2025

Colossians 2: 6-15 NIV

⁶So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. ⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ. ⁹For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, ¹⁰and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. ¹¹In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, ¹²having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³When 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, ¹⁴having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

1. **Satan is Defeated Through the Cross.**

2. **The Cross Eradicates Guilt.**

3. **Acquitted and Set Free!**

Conclusion: Through the cross, we have everything we need to overcome every battle. Let us take our positions in His Kingdom as a people who live victoriously and show others how to do the same through the cross. *Jesus' victory is our victory!*

LIFE GROUP LESSON
Victory Through the Cross

Ice Breaker: Where in your life do you need a victory?

Read Colossians 2:6-15.

1. How are we to live our lives? (vs.6-7)
2. What are we to be strengthened in? (v.7)
3. What are we to live overflowing in? Why? (v.7) *Do you?*
4. What is the warning to be aware of? (v.8)
5. What happens when we allow ourselves to be captive to human tradition and worldly thought over Divine truth?
6. What do we find in Christ? (v.9)
7. In Christ, what do we share in? (v.10) Do you live in this truth?
8. What does Christ spiritually circumcise as He lives in us? What does this mean? How does this change how we live? (v.11)
9. What is the power of being spiritually buried and raised with Christ in baptism? (vs. 12-13)
10. If our old self (our nature prior), died with Christ, what does that mean in how we are to live now, as we are raised up with Christ?
11. Read Ephesians 6:12. Who is our true struggle with that we must remember in order to achieve victory over struggle?
12. Read Ephesians 6:13-18. How are we to prepare ourselves to think and act in the victory we have through Jesus Christ?
13. What did God do regarding our sins? (v.13)
14. What did Jesus do for us on the cross? (v.14)
15. If the debt for our sin is nailed to the cross, what does that make us?
16. How did Jesus triumph over evil? (v.15)
17. Read Mark 3:24-27. Who is the strong man? Who is the one *even stronger* to overpower the first one?
18. Read Revelation 12:10. What is satan's nature? What happens to him?
19. Read Romans 8:1. What must we remember as we live in Christ?
20. When we fall short, what is the proper action to take to bring us victory? Read 1 John 1:9.
21. Read Revelation 12:11. How do remain in victory?

Point to ponder: Remember the cross; see the power flowing to you and know through the cross is your path to victory every time.