what a message in that song
goodness gracious
what in the world does Brian Weaves have to offer God
I can give him nothing that he needs
because he needs nothing
I believe he said if I was hungry would I ask you
but I got a hallelujah
amen
Colossians chapter 2
Colossians chapter 2
I believe it was my buddy Ethan Umphreys that joked with me
I won't blame this on Ethan if he didn't say it
but I preach a lot
a certain amount of time
if you go over in the morning time we subtract it from the evening time
I went over in the morning time
so we may subtract a little bit tonight in the evening time
but I really don't think I'll be long tonight but there's a verse that
three verses actually we've been starting in Colossians in our Bible study
we finished this past Wednesday night
in verse number 12 in chapter 2
and my plan was to pick up in verse 13 and read down through verse 23
this coming Wednesday night but as I've been studying
and thinking about
these parables of the Lord Jesus and
particularly that parable of the lost son his sin
most of all the gifts
and the goodness of the father
these three verses that begin chapter 2
here in chapter 2
they just begin to combine with one another
and you know and that's what the Bible does
it all fits cohesively
you're reading in one place studying in one place you're reminded of the truth
in another place and these all things sort of
sort of kind of fit together and
I've never really looked at these two things together
but one is a parable one is an epistle
but what we read
in verse 13 through 15
is really what we see lived out
the final product the result of what happened
that we looked at this morning
in the life of this lost son
so I may reference that parable just a little bit
I sat down with my wife and some of y'all with young'uns
you just think you love your young'uns I see Jack
and Lily back there and you do love your young'uns
but when can they get big enough to get grown
and they decide they're just gonna come see you

and they bring a bunch of little'uns with them
that belong to them
and so my boy
him and his girlfriend they hung out with us all afternoon
and I spent all afternoon
visiting with them
so I didn't
quite study as much
as I normally do
but I tell you what I was right where I needed to be
with my family I love my family I love my family
I love my family
I love my church family
Colossians chapter 2
verse 13
Paul says and you
being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh
hath he quickened together with him
having forgiven you all trespasses
blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us
which was contrary to us
and took it out of the way
nailing it to his cross
and having spoiled principalities and powers
he made a show of them openly
triumphing
over them in it let's pray
dear lord we thank you again
lord for the gift
of this day the gift of life the gift of family
lord I thank you for New Bethel Missionary
Baptist Church but lord I'm most thankful of all
lord that you are
the king of glory
and that you reached down you lowered yourself
into the darkness and the dirt of this world
to rescue and redeem
what a lost race of people
lord have they had it their own way have gone our own way
but because you're pursuing love and
god great goodness and glory
you've intervened on our behalf
and lord every one of us here
should have a hallelujah on our lips
god I pray tonight that you would take your word this letter that you used
that you inspired your apostle to write to his
church that we may read this tonight that you
would speak to us that we may see
the lord not just who you are
but god what you have done

in jesus sweet name we pray amen
and amen if you've been with us here on wednesday night we've been studying
the book of colossians just worked through chapter one got into chapter number two
and the theme of that epistle is about the
sufficiency and the preeminence of the lord jesus christ it is an epistle
centered around
on who the lord jesus
actually is really is and it's written in response
to false teaching a group of people who had infiltrated
and began to influence this young church they have infiltrated
and influenced the modern day church they do not
deny the existence of a man named jesus
that he existed in time did not deny his teaching
some of the good things that he has done but what they have done they have perverted
exactly who he is and they have diminished him
and that christ alone
is not enough
there's more that must be added
whether it's all rules or religion or modern thought whatever you have it
it doesn't matter what jesus plus you follow that anything else there's things
that are added to this thing and one of the things
that these teachers thought is bringing back in
the jewish rights and the jewish works and it was a combination of a lot a lot
a lot of different things and so paul begins in chapter one writing
about exactly who the lord jesus is and he mentions a few things in that first
chapter that he is the creator of all things
he's the uncreated
creator
he is the sustainer of all things
and he is the one that all things were
created for
he says he is the head
not just the leader but he is the origin he is the source he is the beginning
he's the first born of every creature that has nothing to do with order that has
in rank that he's the rank he's the king of glory he's the highest of the highest
all things come through him he is preeminent paul's writing about the lord
he says that he in us christ in us is the hope of glory
he said that jesus christ is a visible image
of the invisible god
the god is the spirit
they who worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth but when we
look at christ we see that in him is the fullness
of the god head bodily paul goes not out of his way but he is making the case
that we must recognize who the lord jesus is because if we get christ wrong
friend we're going to get everything else wrong whatever we get else right makes no
difference so we ask why is it so important that we get the lord jesus correctly
and he begins to hit on this now in this in this letter
in this epistle
folks since he is the all in all
since we are

complete in him
there's no reason to look anywhere else or listen to anything else
if he is the means of salvation and the one that brings salvation and the one
that does the saving and he does the keeping
there's no reason to look anywhere else or listen to anything else
but not just that it is him
being who he
is that led him and enabled
him to do what he did what paul is saying it's it's going to take god to save us
anything less than the lord jesus simply would not do man couldn't accomplish it
rules couldn't accomplish it religion can't accomplish it modern thought
can't accomplish it it is him being who he is
that leads us to what these verbs that we find in
these three verses because he is who he is he's done
what he's done paul says he's quickened us and
forgiven us he's blotted out he's took out of the way he's nailed he's spoiled
he's triumphed that only god
could accomplish these three these things
so just three verses here tonight I want to look at them one by one verse number 13
paul writes to this church and says that he has made you alive
verse 13
it says in you being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh
has he quickened together with him
having forgiven you all trespasses
I underline just those first two words and you I was reading that and you being dead
in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh has he quickened together with him
having forgiven you all trespasses I was reminded
of Ephesians chapter 2
verse 1
paul writes to these people and you
has he quickened who were dead
in trespasses and sin
and you and it hit me you know this was a real letter
written to real people
in real time
with real issues and real need
I mean this was mamas and daddies
they went to work they went to school they went to play
these these are these are real I mean these are real folks
in real time and I think sometimes we can get away from that we just look at this
as one big book and somehow these are people who existed
way back when way back but no these are he's speaking
personally
to people
personally to people who had experienced
a supernatural work of God
and what really grabbed me is that why is this important
folks church will never be what it needs to be to us
salvation will never be what it needs to be to us God
will never be what he needs to be us until it becomes

extremely intimately I mean almost uncomfortably personal
that this is greater than the masses
that these
people in Colossus Epaphras is one of those who have this letter now they didn't have
a bible like we do that they would come and a man would
take this letter and he would read it before the church
in a sense I'm reading this letter before New Bethel tonight and I can look now to the man who's been born by faith and I can say
Randy Hester and you hath he what he says
hath he quickened folks this is the big word
it doesn't mean to simply doctor it doesn't mean to to counsel it doesn't mean to aid
or to assist what it literally means is these were living breathing people with kids and jobs and works and things to do but in reality prior to faith and operation of God that we read about in verse number 12
these people were spiritual corpses that folks that sin
has not just corrupted us
it hasn't just claimed us but it's killed us
that's what the bible teaches over and over and over
again and you won't hear this so much in new Bethel
I hope you don't I know you're not going to hear it from me but you may hear it in some other places and it's gaining a whole lot of steam and what that steam really is
now is that a man really isn't he's not dead in his sin
that the whole idea of original sin and the fall of man
those things now are beginning to be discarded
and that
the lord is here to make you be all that you can be
we're not perfect and we know we're not perfect
we've got weaknesses and we know we've got weaknesses
we need help and we know we need help so this great god of heaven and earth
that without him you truly can't be all that you were made to be and that is true
we truly can't be all that we were made to be but that is that is completely oh I mean just whitewashing and negating the problem is that when sin I inherited a nature
I was born a sinner separated from god that the best man in his best state apart from
the lord is a spiritual corpse he is dead in his sin I don't need help I don't need to be doctored I need a god and this is why Paul says this is who he is I need someone that can breathe life into me
what did the father say about the son at the very end of that parable he says
you were lost and were found but what you were dead
and now you're alive
but Paul's writing to this church again there's folks who's trying to take the lord and make him and that's exactly what that teaches to do and it's taking I mean he's just like anybody else he can cancer no
he says and you
have to quicken you have to made us alive at the end of verse 13
having forgiven you all

trespasses
now folks this is one of those that is really difficult for me to wrap my mind around
but Paul's writing to these people
and through the faith and the operation of God that he mentioned in verse number 12
you personally
who were dead in sins he has made you alive and he has forgiven you all trespasses
all that they were
all that they done
all that has been removed
again I mentioned me and me walking together her talking about the righteousness of God and her struggling with that that term that
justified justification in scripture
it's one of those that's really hard for me to wrap my mind around and see that within me because what it literally means is that we now through Christ have been declared righteous and I look at that and I know I'm not righteous Dickie
I'm not righteous
but through the work of Christ on the cross friend I have been declared righteous in the Lord and apart from I mean I've received the full
scale whole scale past present and future forgiveness
of those sins that separate me from God goes back to that song I don't know if you didn't come here with a song but I have one out to verse number 13
if you're a Christian all I got left in my mouth is a hallelujah because I was dead and separated from God but he has come in now and he has made me alive and all the filth all the shame all the dirt all the corruption
in my life those things are now removed from me
and friend only God can accomplish that
that's what happened with that son
he come home as nasty and dirty and stinky as he could be
but they put that best robe upon him
put a ring on his hand and shoes on his feet
he had confessed the sin and the goodness of this
father now this son who was dead is now alive
the father didn't hold that rebellion over his head no he received him back in
but Christ
he's made us alive and Paul says in verse 14 he freed us
and you being dead in your sins and circumcision of your flesh hath he quickened together with him having forgiven you all trespasses
blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against
us which is contrary to us and took it out of the way
nailing it to his cross I love
this verse
folks the things that we can just see with our eyes had we been at the cross and not even having been there but looking back at the scriptures those things speak volumes I mean the things that we can see
the denial
of Peter the betrayal of Judas
the mock trial
the silence of the Lord Jesus not one time did he try to defend himself

dumb as the lamb to the shears to the slaughter he went
the spikes the spears the scourging
the sky being darkened the earthquake all of these things occurring
but folks it's the things that we can't see
is what makes redemption possible
none of those things that we see there save us
you understand what I'm saying none of those things that we save there quicken a dead
man none of those things that we save there reconcile a lost man to God it's the things that we can't see it's the things that's going on behind the scene that makes redemption possible 2 Corinthians 5 21
when him who knew no sin became sin man couldn't see it God darkened the sky but all the sin of humanity now is placed upon the Lord it's not visible to the naked eye
but Christ experienced it he felt it he experienced this separation of the father
this eternal oneness that he had had with God and
he cries out my God my God why have you forsaken me
the wrath
of almighty God
coming down and crushing the sun
those are the things we can't see and without those things that we can't see
there is no hope for man being redeemed
but there's something else and this is where Paul is going
that is going on behind the scenes
that man cannot see
and it is the perfect offering of the perfect lamb being presented to the father
it is the life
of a man who has met the standard
who is presenting
his life to a holy God
when I've read verse 14 in the past and I've always thought about
the list of my sins
and his blood blotting them out
it was commonplace in that day
Jesus was not the first person to be crucified nor was he the last
but it was commonplace at that day when a man was crucified
they would put a placard above his head
here is so and so a murderer here is so and so the
thief here is so and so the rapist here is so and so the traitor
they had no accusation they could put above
Jesus other than here is the king of the Jews
but boy what if my sign would have been there
I don't think they had a sign big enough in Jerusalem
what if all of our sins were on display for the whole world to see
written down
placed above our head
I've always thought about when I looked at this verse
in the blood
of my Lord
like a whitewash just taking those things and wiping them away
friend I didn't have a sign

all of my sins was put on the lamb
they were put on the man himself and friend that occurred
but in reality that's not what the apostle Paul is referring to
folks when Jesus Christ went to the cross he took
our sins upon himself and he nailed those sins to
the cross but he also took the perfect law of God and he nailed it to the cross
I want you to see what the apostle Paul is saying
because it's going to bless your heart he's not referring to God as removing his
holy standard that's not what he's referring to at all he is talking about
the penalty and the price that we are due he has removed that through nailing
it to the cross but what he's talking about is this handwriting of ordinances
that was contrary to us that when you hold these things up compared to Alton Hester
it is opposed to him because he is who he is that the Lord Jesus took those
things and he nailed them to his cross
I love this commentary I brought it from home I want to share this with you this is
John Phillips if you're into commentaries at all he's a good conservative reader to
commentator to read after it says the word for handwriting only occurs here
it signifies an autograph a note of hand a bond a promissory note
a promise to pay
at Sinai God handed to the Hebrew people the Mosaic covenant
which we commonly refer to as the law
the law represented God's irreducible minimum I love that phrase
the law represented
God's irreducible minimum and it's still God's irreducible minimum
it tells us what God expects of us
it embodies his rules and requirements his command and his ordinances
the Hebrews put their hand to it and quote all
that the Lord has spoken we will do they declared
it was their handwriting so to speak
their unconditional
promise to pay
but they defaulted
the history of the Hebrew people throughout the entire Old Testament period was
one long failure to keep their promise
they could not keep these ordinances
and neither
can anyone else
so Christ came
so Christ came
he fulfilled to the letter all the requirements of the moral law and his sins of his
life and then he fulfilled all the requirements of the ritual law and his atoning
death he thus took the handwriting of ordinances away
nailing it to the cross he says what folly then for these cultists to try to bring
believers in the Lord Jesus back under the bondage
of the Hebrew ordinances the cross is God's answer
to all such notion the cross says
it all
I want you to look at the cross and what he did
Jessica Blake every sin that you have committed he put it upon himself
he spread out his arms and he says you nail that along

right here with me but what also he did is he took
his A plus report card he took all these things that Mitzi couldn't do that Nicky couldn't do that no man has ever been able to do and said father
here's my record and nail that up there too
that he accomplished this thing
again think about that son that parable of the lost son this morning
why was there no funeral for him
there was no funeral for him because Christ was going to come
and die his very death
but for him there was salvation for him
because Christ came to live the perfect law
and to present to him stand for him all that he could never accomplish on his own
oh I love that song I don't have much
all I've got is a hallelujah
because me
hath he quickened who was dead in sins me hath he forgiven all trespasses me has he taken my sin and put it upon himself and nailed it to the cross and for me has he taken his record his handwriting of ordinances that was against us that none of us could do and he took that and nailed it to the cross and in doing so
he blotted out every transgression that I can stand before God clean and whole
and adopt a redeemed new man all all all because
of what Paul is writing because of who he is
because of who he is and what he did
verse 13 he's made us alive verse 14
he's freed us
verse 15
we can have victory
in him
verse 14
blotting at the handwriting of ordinances that was against us which was contrary to us and took it out of the way nailing it to his cross
I love this and having spoiled principalities and powers
he made a show of them openly
triumphing over them in it
I'm not much into speculation
I know I know a lot of us can spend time I know preachers that spend a lot of time we speculate things speculate about things that we don't have answers on I don't know
what Satan was doing all this time I got a hunch I think maybe he thought he won when Christ was nailed to that cross
I don't know that it doesn't say
but I know what happened
it says that the Lord Jesus spoiled
principalities
and powers
he took them captive
he won it says he made a show of them
openly triumphing over them in it that this was not some private spectacle but this was a public display you remember the words of that centurion as the Lord Jesus hung upon that cross what did he say brother Ricky he said surely surely surely

this was the son of God when the body of the saints arose at the crucifixion and they
showed themselves into the city when that veil was torn in two the Lord Jesus
if you'll have it it's a drop the mic moment Satan you thought you have won but I
have come now and I have quickened and made alive my saints I've nailed my record
to the cross I've nailed their sin to the cross and I'm not defeated
I have won and folks the resurrection it's not some addendum it is the most
monumental moment in all of history the Lord Jesus three day later he didn't arise
and vanish but he come out of that tomb and he showed
himself alive for 40 days showed himself to 500
people at once showed himself in a closed room restored Peter at the beach all of
this now is the Lord going I am who I say I am I did what I say I do you destroy
this temple and I'll raise it up again in three days and that's exactly what he did
the church changed lives was there a hundred
was it about a hundred and twenty people there
there in the
upper room I think
boy it changed it got it got big in a hurry
didn't it
persecution comes
we have to squash this
so Nero begins to take Christians and he'll impel
them upon poles and use them as blow torches
it's history
boy squash it
me and Mitzel went to Italy went to Rome in that great coliseum where they would
take
Christians and they would feed them to the lions surely
this will stomp all this out but I can I tell you what it's still going and it's
still going and it's still going why because Christ is king Christ is king and he
has won and he will win and it's through him and only through him that we can
triumph
that he's made us alive
he's reconciled us
he's forgiven
all trespasses
my sins gone
that his life is my life
and that through him
this great victory
friend is possible
and it's because he is who he is
and he did what he did
and tonight it's just like that young man that we read about this morning
all of that goodness of the father
it does nothing for him until he travels that road of repentance
all of this great work of Christ
is accessible through faith
but it's useless apart from faith
victory

victory
let's pray
Lord I thank you for your word
Lord I thank you for what your word must have meant to this church
over in Coloss on the other side of the world
they're struggling with doubt they're struggling with confusion
they're being told one thing they're being persecuted all these things are
going against us Lord what do they believe what do they believe
and it all comes back to you
to who you are
Lord and what you've done
Lord and Lord the
solution for us to be able to stand
and be victorious today is the same solution that we find here
Lord help us to embrace it by faith
thank you for who you are
in Jesus sweet name I pray amen let's stand please