

Sermon Notes for Young People

June 23, 2019 | Col. 2:13-15, "The Triumph of Christ"

I. **Introduction:**

A. What do the False Teachers offer the Colossians?

B. What is the significance of baptism in the Christian life and in combating false teaching?

II. **Main Argument**

A. Forgiveness of Sins (vv. 13-14)

1. Natural Condition (v. 13):

- a. Why did Jesus not come to help people?
- b. In what ways is mankind dead?

2. Source of Forgiveness (v. 13): How do we know God is not reluctant to forgive?

3. Extent of Forgiveness (v. 13)

- a. Why is death a mercy and why must it be addressed before enjoying resurrection life?
- b. What is required to remove sins?
- c. How is it just or fair that one, single death can substitute for the many?
- d. **Application:** How is the forgiveness offered in Christianity different from other religions?

4. Nature of Forgiveness (v. 14)

- a. How did calling sin a *debt* emphasize the seriousness of its consequences originally?
- b. What does every human owe to God?

c. How does Paul illustrate full forgiveness?

5. Means of Forgiveness (v. 14)

- a. Why is it impossible for God to simply cancel a debt or turn a blind eye to sin?
- b. What was the crime for which Jesus was crucified, and how does that assure His people of His death in *their* place?

6. **Application:** Baptism signifies all these benefits

- a. How do vv. 11-12 show no ritual is necessary to add to Christ's work?
- b. How do vv. 13-15 show that no work is to be added to Christ's obedience and sacrifice?

B. Freedom from Former Oppressors (v. 15)

1. The World Against Christ

- a. How were the Hebrews and Romans the best representatives of human development?
- b. How was the 'triumph of humanity' actually the defeat of humanity's rebellion?

2. Freedom for Colossians Too: How is rightly understanding the cross of the Lord Jesus Christ the answer to every heresy and false teaching?

III. Questions for my Parents or the Pastor: