

The Power of the Cross
Colossians 2:8-15
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Introduction - The Power of the Cross.....

1. _____ the Old Nature in Baptism with Christ

Colossians 2:12 *“having 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.”*

Romans 6:3-4 *“Or don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.”*

2. _____ the Enemy

Colossians 2:13 *“When 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,”*

Romans 8:1 *“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,”*

Romans 8:37 *“No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.”*

3. _____ our Debt

Colossians 2:13-14 *“When 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, having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.”*

Romans 6:23 *“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*

John 19:30 *“When he had received the drink, Jesus said, “It is finished.” With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.”*

4. _____ the Powers and Authorities

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

Ephesians 4:8 NLT *“This is why it says: “When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people.”*

Revelation 12:9-12 *“The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: “Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Messiah. For the accuser of our brothers and sisters, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down. They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death. Therefore rejoice, you heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has gone down to you! He is filled with fury, because he knows that his time is short.”*

5. _____ Death

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

I Corinthians 15:54-57 *“When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.” “Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”*