

Walking with the King - The Gospel  
**Colossians 2:13-15 (ESV)**

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*The Gospel is the good news of a victorious King.*

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A. What Christ's victory in the gospel looks like

1. death defeated

- a. you were dead – **v.13** “And you, who were dead”
- b. **Ephesians 2:1 (ESV)**.
- c. Christ’s victory in the gospel has made you alive - **v. 13** And you, who were dead ... God made alive together with him

2. sins forgiven

- a. you were in sin – **v.13** “And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh”
- b. **Ephesians 1:7 (ESV)**
- c. Paul focuses on several consequences of sin: death, condemnation, wrath, distress, curse, punishment, destruction
- d. Christ’s victory in the gospel gives us forgiveness – **v.13** having forgiven us all our trespasses: Death into life, Condemnation into justification, Wrath into love, Distress into peace, Curse into blessing, Punishment into reward, Destruction in salvation

3. debt cancelled

- a. you were indebted to God – we had a certificate of indebtedness – “I owe God obedience to his will. Signed, mankind.” – **v.14** “the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands”
- b. **Romans 1:32 (ESV)**
- c. Christ’s victory in the gospel removes our debt – **v.14** by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands

4. enemies disarmed

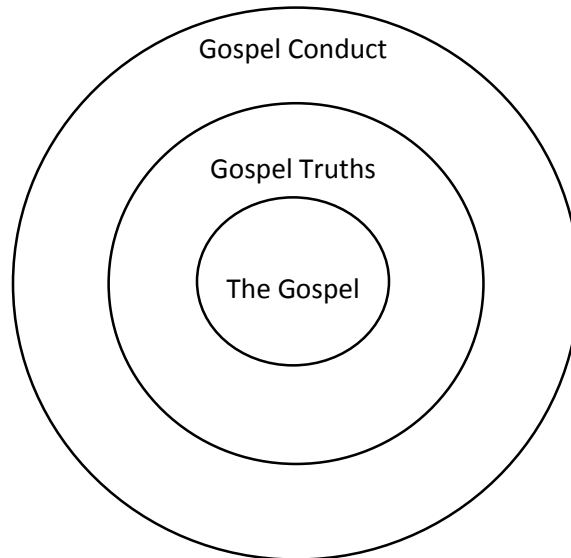
- a. you were under the devil’s dominion – **v.15** “the rulers and authorities”
- b. **Ephesians 1:20-22 (ESV)**
- c. Christ’s victory in the gospel defeats our fiercest enemies – **v.15** He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them

B. How Christ's victory in the gospel functions

*[A teaching by Mike Bullmore called The Functional Centrality of the Gospel. He had a conviction: “Clearly, carefully, and consistently the Gospel needs to be connected to the living of our lives.”]*

The Gospel Saved Us and the Gospel Saves Us

- **Colossians 1:3-6 (ESV)**
- **Romans 1:16 (ESV)**
- **1 Corinthians 15:1-2 (ESV)**



#### The Centrality of the Gospel

#### **1 Corinthians 15:3 (ESV)**

The Gospel is:

- The core – the heart, the center, has theological priority
  - 1 Corinthians 2:2 (ESV) For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.
  - Galatians 6:14 (ESV) But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ
- The foundation, The starting point, The form for shaping
- Without the Gospel everything collapses

The Gospel must be connected to how we think, how we feel, how we act.

#### Gospel Truths

#### **1 Timothy 1:10-11 (ESV)**

#### **Colossians 1:21-22 (ESV)**

#### **Romans 8:32 (ESV)**

#### Gospel Conduct

#### **Philippians 1:27 (ESV)**

#### **Colossians 2:6 (ESV)**

Example: **Colossians 3:1 (ESV)**