

Colossians 2:13-15

Christ Defeats and Humiliates The Stoicheia

The Certificate of Debt Against Us

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Χειρογραφον (certificate of debt) = hand written IOU of obligations (financial) or indictment (penal)
(Deut 27:26) (Philemon 19)

δογμασιν (decrees) = Mosaic Law (Ephesians 2:15)

The Problem Is Us – Not The Law

Romans 7:7 What shall we say then? Is the Law sin? May it never be! On the contrary, I would not have come to know sin except through the Law; for I would not have known about coveting if the Law had not said, "YOU SHALL NOT COVET."

Romans 7:13-14 Therefore did that which is good become death for me? May it never be! Rather it was sin, in order that it might be shown to be sin by effecting my death through that which is good, so that through the commandment sin would become utterly sinful.

The Law Points To Christ!

Romans 10:3-4 For not knowing about God's righteousness and seeking to establish their own, they did not subject themselves to the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

End = telos

1. temporal/terminal sense (no longer valid)

2. perfective/completive sense (realized)

Romans 10:5-8 For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them, **But** the righteousness based on faith speaks as follows: Do not say in your hear, "Who will ascend into heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down), or "Who will descend into the abyss?" (that is, bring Christ up from the dead)." But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" – that is, the word of faith which we are preaching...(Gal 3:17-22).

Galatians 3:24 Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith.

God Blotted Out Our Debt In Christ

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εξαλειφας (having canceled) = "rub out" "wipe away" written records (Isaiah 43:25; Revelation 3:5)

αιρω (taken it out of the way) = "to remove" "remove even by killing" (BAG) **perfect tense**

Nailed it to the cross = note of indictment Matt 27:37

Reversal: The Stoicheia Publicly Humiliated

Colossians 2:15 When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him.

απεκδυομαι

1. "Stripping off of clothing"
2. "Disarm"
3. "Humiliation"

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Satan and the stoicheia thought they had won a profound victory by Christ's humiliating death on the cross, but in actuality, God had publically humiliated them! This humiliation will ultimately be seen after the millennial kingdom.

Question to ponder: Who do we think was humiliated?

1st Corinthians 1:22-24 For indeed Jews ask for signs and Greeks search for wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

Who Do We Think Was Humiliated?

2nd Corinthians 2:14-16 But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ...

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Revelation 3:5 He who overcomes will thus be clothed in white garments; and I will not erase his name from the book of life, **and I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.**

Revelation 20:15 And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

The Only Two Options

1. Those who partake of the shame of the cross had their sins blotted out, but they will not be blotted out from the Lamb's book of life!
2. Those who are ashamed of the cross did not have their sins blotted out, but they will be blotted out from the Lamb's book of life!
