

“HOW CAN YOU BE FREED FROM THE GUILT OF YOUR SINS?”

(Colossians 2:13)

I. INTRODUCTION (1:1-2)

II. THE PRAYERS FOR THE COLOSSIANS (1:3-14)

III. THE PREEMINENCE OF JESUS CHRIST’S POSITION (1:15-18)

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A. GENERALLY (2:4-7)

B. SPECIFICALLY (2:8)

C. DOCTRINALLY (2:9-15)

1. **Jesus Christ is the SOLUTION to your insufficiency because of His PERSON** “*For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.*” (v. 9)

2. **Jesus Christ is the SOLUTION to your insufficiency because of His POSITION** “*who is the head of all principality and power.*” (v. 10)

3. **Jesus Christ is God’s SOLUTION to your SIN NATURE.** (vv. 11-12)

a. By virtue of your POSITION in Christ you have been spiritually CIRCUMCISED “*without hands,*” which SEVERED your LEGAL relationship to your sin nature. (v. 11)

b. Every born-again believer has been CO-CRUCIFIED, CO-BURIED, and CO-RAISED with Christ in spiritual baptism the day he/she got saved. (v. 12)

4. **Jesus Christ is God’s SOLUTION to the GUILT of your SINS** (v. 13)

a. In your pre-salvation days, you were spiritually _____, lost in your _____.
(v. 13a, cf. Eph. 2:1-3)

* What does “*the uncircumcision of your flesh*” refer to?

b. The Good News is, once you trusted Jesus Christ, God _____
your spirit- He "*made you* _____." (v. 13b)

c. In God's eyes, the very moment you were saved He took you _____
the cross of His Son and _____ you up "*with Him*" (v. 13c)

d. At that wonderful moment you believed the Gospel by faith, the Lord _____
all your _____ . (v. 13c)

* On what basis is this forgiveness provided?

* In order for you to enjoy this practically, what now is needed?

* What can you personally apply from this rich section of Scripture?