

Satanic Lies and a Savior Who Lives Colossians 2:8–15

SERMON OUTLINE

Three realities to ponder:

I. The World Deceives the Unwary (v. 8)

- A. Satan & the world conspire to build a false belief system
 - 1. According to human traditions
 - 2. According to the elemental spirits of the world
 - 3. Not according to Christ
- B. Three faulty reasons we come to God (Baucham):
 - 1. God is angry and we can appease Him
 - 2. God is someone I can manipulate for a blessing
 - 3. God is a therapist that will make me feel good
- C. All these faulty reasons are about me and my own effort
- D. The Bible's message is what Christ has done for me!

II. Christ Destroys My Debt (vv. 11–14)

- A. Circumcision is a powerful outward sign of inward reality
- B. Baptism is a powerful outward sign of an inward reality
- C. We are dead in our sins; God makes us alive in Christ

III. Christ Disarms and Defeats the Devil (vv. 9–10, 15)

- A. God has been waging total war in the spiritual realm
- B. Our sin was judged on the cross and Satan was defeated at the Resurrection
- C. Our debt is destroyed and our enemy is defeated

APPLICATIONS

- Are you dead in your sins? Repent and trust Jesus!
- No longer hide from God and His people
- Abandon your own efforts and rest in the accomplishment of Christ on your behalf

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is your favorite Easter memory or tradition?
2. Which of the three faulty reasons we come to God are you most often tempted to believe?
3. What are some ways (subtle or overt) that we are led to believe the Bible is about us rather than God?
4. When are you most tempted to believe that some of your sin debt remains unpaid or unforgiven?
5. When are you most tempted to believe that the enemy has not been defeated?
6. What are some practical ways we can remind ourselves of the gospel this week?

OTHER QUESTIONS THAT MAY HELP

1. What does this text tell us about God?
2. What does this text tell us about man?
3. What should I put on or put off in my thinking?
4. What should I put on or put off in my doing?

LAST WEEK'S HOMEWORK

1. Make or continue a plan to consistently read the Scriptures.
2. Find a way to connect with people in your group to encourage them this week.

HOMEWORK

1. Remind yourself of the gospel through reading, praying, or listening to music throughout the week.
2. Tell someone else the Good News this week.