



Chapter 5: Messiah

Colossians 2:13–15 NIV ¹³When 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, ¹⁴having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Christ silenced Satan at the cross (vv 13-14)

Satan accusing the saints before God, prior to the cross: Job 1-2; Zec 3:1-2; 2 Chr 21:1; Jude 1:9.

The cross is enough to _____ .

Revelation 12:9–10 NIV ⁹The 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. ¹⁰Then 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.

The OT texts portray Satan accusing saints of unfaithfulness, with the implication that they did not deserve God's salvation and gracious blessings... Implicit also in the accusations was the charge that God's own character was corrupt. The emphasis on Satan's accusatory role in Rev 12:10 reveals that the angelic battle of 12:7-9 was figurative for a courtroom battle between opposing lawyers, with one losing the argument and being disbarred from employing illegal tactics. - G. K. Beale

Christ disarmed Satan at the cross (v 15a)

“Rules,” “powers,” and similar as demonic forces: Ro 8:38-39; 1 Co 2:8, 15:24; Gal 4:3, 9; Eph 1:21, 3:10, 6:12; Col 1:16, 2:8, 10, 15, 20; 1 Pe 3:22, etc.

Hebrews 2:14–15 NIV ¹⁴Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—¹⁵and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

The resurrection of Jesus assures that _____ .

Christ exposed Satan at the cross (v15b)

John 12:31–32 NIV ³¹Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.

In the cross, both _____ **&** _____ **were in full display.**

The conflict will finish when the universe realizes that God is fully just and fully love: Ro 3:21-25; Phil 2:10-11; Rev 15:3-4, 16:5-7, etc.

Christ in his death turned the tables on the powers of evil and defeated their purposes publicly displaying their true and shameful nature... The victory celebrated is, at its heart, not the victory of a more powerful being over less powerful beings (as if it were a cosmic struggle of strength against strength in which salvation is achieved by a tour de force); it is the victory of holy, righteous, and creative love over the destructive forces of evil. - Longman & Reid.

Colossians 2:11–12 NIV ¹¹In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self, ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, ¹²having 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.