

OVERTHROW: CHRIST VS. EMPIRE
COLOSSIANS

Message One

WHY YOU CAN STOP BEING A VICTIM
Colossians 1: 12-20, 2:9-15

LIVE YOUR LIFE WITH A CONSTANT SONG...

1:3 “We always thank God...”

1:12 “giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance”

2:7 “overflowing with thankfulness”

3:17 “whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

4:2 “Be thankful”

BECAUSE “HE HAS RESCUED US FROM THE DOMINION OF DARKNESS AND BROUGHT US INTO THE KINGDOM OF THE SON HE LOVES.” Colossians 1:13 NIV

YOU SEE...

1. CHRIST CREATED THE POWERS.

***He is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn over all creation.***

For by him all things were created:

things in heaven and on earth

visible and invisible,

whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities:

All things were created by him and for him.

Colossians 1:15-16 NIV

**ALTHOUGH THE POWERS ARE PART OF CREATION, DON'T
SUBMIT TO THEM. DON'T GIVE YOUR POWER TO THEM.
*THEY'RE SECOND-CLASS.***

2. CHRIST DEFEATED THE POWERS.

“When you were spiritually dead because of your sins and because you were not free from the cancelled debt, which listed all the rules we failed to follow. He took away that record with its rules and nailed it to the cross. God stripped the spiritual rulers and powers of their authority. With the cross, he won the victory and showed the world that they were powerless.” Colossians 2:13-15 NCV

DON'T FEAR THE DEFEATED. THE CROSS WAS NOT THE DEFEAT OF CHRIST AT THE HANDS OF THE POWERS; IT WAS THE DEFEAT OF THE POWERS AT HIS HANDS.

3. CHRIST RECONCILED THE POWERS.

“For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on the earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.” Colossians 1:19-20 NIV

**THE CROSS RECONCILED THE POWERS.
YOU BE RECONCILED.**

“Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation.” Colossians 1:21-22 NIV