

## **WHY CHRIST'S CROSS MATTERS COLOSSIANS**

We are alienated from God (Colossians 1:21).

But good news! Here's the truth, God is gracious to us (Colossians 1:5-6)! You can be reconciled to God through Christ's cross (Colossians 1:19-22. Also see 2:14-15)!

This is called the good news, or the gospel. It can save you (1:23; cf. 1 Corinthians 15:1-5). So don't take any other path (Colossians 2:4, 8, 1 Corinthians 15:2).

### **WHAT HAPPENS AT CHRIST'S CROSS?**

1. ALIENATION ENDS (1:21).
2. ACCUSATION ENDS (1:22).
3. PEACE BEGINS.
  - a. PEACE WITH GOD (1:20-22).
  - b. PEACE BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT AFRAID (2:9-15).
  - c. PEACE BECAUSE YOU SEE PEOPLE DIFFERENTLY (3:9-11).
4. POWER BEGINS (2:9-15; 1:11).

### **WHAT DO YOU GET AT CHRIST'S CROSS?**

1. YOU GET LIFE (2:13).
  - a. YOU EXPERIENCE IT THROUGH FORGIVENESS (2:13; 3:13).
  - b. YOU ENJOY IT THROUGH FREEDOM (2:14).
    - i. FREEDOM FROM EXTERNAL REGULATIONS (2:14)
    - ii. FREEDOM FROM SPIRITUAL FORCES (2:15)
    - iii. FREEDOM FROM OTHER'S JUDGEMENT (2:16-19)
2. YOU GET A NEW IDENTITY (1:27; 3:3-4; 3:11. See also 2 Cor. 5:14-21).
3. YOU GET A NEW WAY TO LIVE (3:1- 4:1).
4. YOU GET A NEW FUTURE (1:5; 3:4; 3:24).

### **WHAT DO YOU EXPERIENCE AT CHRIST'S CROSS?**

1. YOU EXPERIENCE CHRIST'S CIRCUMCISION (2:11-13. Also Romans 6:3).
2. YOU EXPERIENCE CHRIST'S BURIAL (2:12; 2:20. Also Romans 6:4)
3. YOU EXPERIENCE CHRIST'S RESURRECTION (2:12; 3:1. Romans 6:5)
4. YOU EXPERIENCE CHRIST'S LIFE (2:13; Romans 6:6-14).