

THE CROSS OF VICTORY.

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INTRO.:

A. Read text: Col. 2:9-15.

B. Regarding the text:

1. The cross of Christ brought about a great victory.
 - 1) Note **verse 15**: "And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it."
2. His enemies tried to defeat Him by crucifying Him.
 - 1) Jesus had told them of the victory that was to come.
 - a. **Luke 24:7.**
 - b. **1 Cor. 15:4.**

C. We will observe several VICTORIES of the Cross of Christ.

DISCUSSION: THE CROSS OF CHRIST WAS A VICTORY...

I. OVER SIN.

A. Satan would have us look at sin as a normal event in life.

1. He does not want us to see it as it really is.
2. But note:
 - 1) **1 Corinthians 15:56-57.**
 - 2) **Rom. 6:23** "The wages of sin is DEATH..."

B. Christ's cross was victorious over sin.

1. We do sin (**Rom. 3:23**).
 - 1) The cross gave us power over sin.
 - 2) **Rom. 6:23; Col. 1:14.**
2. Remember, those who crucified Him meant His death to be a victory for them. BUT it was rather a victory for Christ.
 - 1) **Tit 2:14.**
 - 2) **Heb. 9:12.**

C. Where would we be without the cross of Christ? In sin!

1. When we put on Christ in baptism, we are washed in His cleansing blood (**Rev. 1:5; Rom. 5:9**).

II. OVER THE OLD LAW.

A. Many today are still trying to live under the Old Law.

1. **Col. 2:14** blotting out, wipe away (Strong's).
2. **Gal. 5:4.**

B. The cross of Christ removed (fulfilled) the Law of Moses.

1. **Eph. 2:13-18.**
2. **Heb. 9:15-17.**
3. **Matt. 5:17.**
 - 1) His death on the cross was part of this fulfillment.
 - 2) He will come again to carry the saved home (**1 Thess. 4:13-18**).

III. OVER DEATH.

A. The faithful should have no fear of death (Isa. 25:8).

B. Death has no power over us (Phil. 1:23; 1 Cor. 15:52-58).

IV. CONCLUSION: