

Day 17 Colossians 2: 13 -14

Not long ago I was talking to someone about my faith. As we were talking about various aspects of Christianity this person told me there were aspects of it, they could not accept, one of them was the subject of everyone being in sin.

We all get that. Who wants their sins pointed out to them. We don't want people following us around with a pen a clip board listing all of the stuff we are doing wrong.

But the sin Christianity talks about is not our individual brand of it. If that were true, then in our minds we would decide that it took more of Jesus to save some of us than others. But the gospel says we've all fallen short of God's glory. So, we must conclude sin is a condition.

Proof to that condition is the reality that everyone who is born will die. That is a condition. How we live without a solution to that condition creates our individual brand of sin.

But this verse today is one of those we need to read every day. We were dead, and now we are alive, we have literally been taken out of the condition of sin in Christ. We will never experience separation from God. Not even death can pull us out of our living condition in Christ.

The condition of sin causes separation from God. But that condition of sin has been lifted from us.

In Matthew 26: 36 - 45 we can find our Savior dreading this separation. In the garden of Gethsemane, He was pleading with God to not have to experience it. His heart was overwhelmed, and he asked God twice if this task could be taken away from Him. He begged for another way. We know that He was the way.

In Matthew 27 we see Jesus experienced His greatest fear so we will never have to. He asked His very Father - why he was being forsaken. God's wrath on the condition of sin was placed on one man, Jesus Christ, so we could be free from it.

We often think of God's punishment as God causing something terrible to happen, but in this case God's wrath was Him turning His face away from His very Son. Because of that and Him raising Christ from the dead we can know God's face is always upon us and He will never turn away from us. We will never be forsaken.

There is nothing that is harder than facing death, or losing someone we love. It is our greatest journey in this life. Even with everything we know about the gospel, we still were not created to die, and God knows we struggle with it.

But in this verse, we see the condition of sin no longer has its end results on us as people who believe in His Son. We can experience this in our lives now, knowing that we are called alive NOW. We are promised in the present God sees us as alive, and we are promised we will always be in His presence. Now and in the future. We can't lose.

1 Corinthians 15:55 - 57

"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death is your sting?"

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us victory through the Lord Jesus Christ.