

Day 18 Colossians 2:13 - 14

It is easy to get in debt these days. Housing is expensive, groceries are expensive, kids are expensive, and with credit cards we can be financially overwhelmed before we know it.

Although it's hard work, we can get out of financial debt. We can budget, get financial counseling, and learn how to curb our spending.

But the verse we read today tells us we had spiritual debt that we could not pay back or get free from, regardless of how hard we tried.

This debt stood in front of us and kept us from having a relationship with the God who longed for a relationship with us. The whole of the Bible is about God fulfilling His promise to restore that relationship that humanity lost in the garden of Eden. God was not content for us to have a debt that kept us from His love. The Bible is the story of how that debt was paid.

John 3:16 -17

For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.

This is proof that God never planned to leave us condemned and bound by death. He wanted us alive and with Him forever. He made a way for the world, a way to judge sin without judging us - Jesus Christ.

The vexing thing is that God never expected us to be able to pay the debt. If we understand this, we will unlock the mysteries and wonders of His love. There isn't enough in us to pay our debt. We weren't created to be righteous in and of ourselves, we were created to depend on God's righteousness. And Colossians continues to point us to that dependence.

In understanding our debt, we see the common ground we have as the church. We have said before that unity is our superpower. The thing that bonds us as believers is the revelation of our need.

Regardless of our personal sin we all sat in the same debt before we believed in Christ. When we declare the fact of our debt being canceled together, we have equality and a song that resonates and is heard by others around us. It becomes the hope for the world.

To elaborate further on the canceling of our debt through Christ we can declare together with unified praise this verse in Romans 8:1.

Therefore, there is now, no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

And we hear even more good news in *Romans 8:4*.

And so, He condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

The law that the enemy uses against us has been met in Christ. We are debt free. As we rejoice in our freedom may we have mercy and love for those still in need.