

# The Triumph of Jesus Christ

“And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.”  
Colossians 2:15

## You Have an Enemy

- A. Your enemy is much smarter than you, much stronger, does not die, does not move away, does not get distracted, will only accept your suicide, and plans to destroy you.
- B. Not even Michael the archangel rails against him, but must resort to God (Jude 1:9).
- C. Your enemy tricked your grandmother (Eve) to reject God and commit triple suicide.
- D. Your enemy is Lucifer, the old wicked serpent from Eden, called the Devil, and Satan.
- E. God promised that a great Son born to this cursed woman would save you (Gen 3:15).
- F. Your murderous enemy saw Abel as a son and stirred up his brother Cain to kill him.
- G. God preserved the promised seed by replacing Abel with another son Seth (Gen 4:25).
- H. Your enemy invented polygamy for the world to multiply women to ruin your family.
- I. God sent a Flood to drown them all but for one family to continue the promised Seed.
- J. Your enemy slandered noble relatives like Job and slandered their motives (Job 1-2).
- K. Your enemy knew his Conqueror must come through Judah, so he perverted his sons.
- L. Your enemy knew his Conqueror must come through David, so he moved him to sin.
- M. Your enemy knew his Conqueror came from Bethlehem, so he had Herod kill babies.
- N. Your enemy saw his Conqueror get baptized by John, so he tempted Him in the desert.
- O. Your enemy entered Judas’s heart and incited him to betray your Saviour (Jn 13:27).
- P. Your enemy sifted Peter, one of the apostles, and led him to deny Him (Lu 22:31-32).
- Q. Your enemy used all means in his army to attack your promised Savior on the cross.
- R. Your enemy had you a willing slave without will or power to leave him (Eph 2:1-3).
- S. You did not care and could not see, for he had blinded your eyes to God (II Co 4:3-4).
- T. You opposed truth and even yourself as your enemy had you trapped (II Tim 2:25-26).
- U. Your enemy as prince and god of this world deceives the whole world (Rev 12:9).
- V. Your enemy is the power of darkness, for he with blinding ignorance deceives men.

## Jesus Defeated your Enemy

- A. Promised in Eden, Jesus the woman’s Son fatally bruised the devil’s head (Gen 3:15).
- B. Catholics, the profane blasphemers that they are, give this victory to the woman Mary!
- C. He took your nature, flesh and blood, in order to die and destroy death (Heb 2:14-15).
- D. Your strong enemy had you in his palace, but Jesus was stronger (Luke 11:21-22).
- E. He came into this world for the purpose of destroying the devil’s works (I John 3:8).
- F. His destiny, purposed by God before the world began, is eternal torment (Rev 20:10).
- G. God sent Jesus Christ to deliver you from his power and translated you (Col 1:13).
- H. Jesus commanded devils without begging (Luke 4:30-37; 10:17-20; Acts 19:13-20).
- I. Jesus is over your enemy (Eph 1:19-23; 3:10; 6:12; Phil 2:9-10; Col 2:10; Heb 1:4).
- J. His great victory over your enemy was at the cross (John 12:31; Revelation 12:5-11).

## **You Are Complete in Christ**

### ***10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:***

- A. You are perfect in Christ Jesus. Neither you nor anyone else can add to your salvation.
- B. You are fully accepted in God's sight in Christ Jesus by legal representation (Ep 1:6).
- C. Why is the headship of Jesus Christ over all devils mentioned here with salvation?
  - 1. You are completely secure in Him by His victory (Romans 8:33-39; John 16:11).
  - 2. All authority in the universe is His; He reigns for you, His fullness (Eph 1:20-23)!
  - 3. Your enemy – your captor – is conquered and under Christ's dominion (Lu 11:22).
  - 4. No one can lay a charge against you, for Jesus has entirely freed you (Re 12:5-11).

### ***11 In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ:***

- A. Your completeness in Jesus Christ has no place for physical circumcision (Gal 5:6).
- B. The only circumcision that counts is one without hands in cutting off Jesus Christ.
  - 1. The *circumcision of Christ* is subjective- or objective-genitive. We know objective.
  - 2. Jesus paid for our sins by being cut off Himself by the wrath of God against sin.
  - 3. He was cut off out of the land of the living to pay for your sins (Is 53:8; Dan 9:26).
  - 4. Jesus circumcised you (actively) by being circumcised at Calvary (passively).

### ***12 Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.***

- A. After dying to save you, God raised Him from the dead, so you are completely saved.
- B. After dying to save you, God raised Him from the dead, so you confess it by baptism.
- C. Faith in the operation of God must copy the figure of what He did for you (I Pet 3:21).
  - 1. There is no room for Catholic or Presbyterian baptism by *buried, risen, and faith*.
  - 2. Liars put infant circumcision in v.11 and infant baptism here for covenant heresy.
  - 3. Circumcision and baptism are unrelated spiritually, grammatically, in every way.

### ***13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;***

- A. Completeness in Christ requires your vital salvation – regeneration from death in sins.
- B. Uncircumcised flesh here is not physical, just as in v.11, but rather your fleshly lusts.
- C. With your sins forgiven legally, there yet remained the giving of life, which God did.
- D. God quickened Jesus from the dead and you with Him spiritually (Ep 1:19-20; 2:1-5).

### ***14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;***

- A. Jesus obeyed every jot and tittle of Moses' Law, and then He died a curse under it!
- B. It is hard to imagine how a complex clause could more fully declare the Law paid for!
- C. God's Law, which exposes man's sinfulness, has been taken out of the way to God.
- D. Do you see how complete you are in Him? There is nothing between God and you.

***15 And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.***

- A. Paul earlier stated your deliverance from the devil's kingdom into Christ's (Col 1:13).
- B. Jesus spoiled the principalities by stripping, pillaging, plundering, and robbing Satan.
  - 1. He went into his evil kingdom and took out of it everyone He desired and chose.
  - 2. This work was the Stronger Man binding the strong man, for you (Luke 11:20-22)!
  - 3. Satan had you as surely as Judas and a Gadarene – to destroy you here and in hell.
- C. He took death, the greatest tool in their arsenal, and used it to triumph over them in it!
  - 1. This was Satan's hour – his time (Luke 22:53; Jn 14:30). But Jesus shamed Him!
  - 2. They thought they had Him, dying on a cross, forsaken by God – He triumphed!
  - 3. The sun went dark! A thief repented! Rocks rent! The veil was ripped! A centurion worshipped! He rose again! Many saints also rose for open shewing! He shewed Himself alive with many infallible proofs! Give Him glory, dear reader!
  - 4. He ruined their access to heaven and cast them to the earth (John 12:31; Rev 12).
- D. You are complete! You are saved! Salvation is perfectly finished! You are complete!

### **You Are Indebted to Christ**

- A. Repentance is a great gift by God's will, use it to obey the truth (II Timothy 2:25-26).
- B. Believe every testimony scripture gives of Him, confess your faith, and be baptized.
- C. By Christ's death the gospel can shine unto you (Matt 16:18; II Cor 4:6; Acts 26:18).
- D. Paul reasoned that he owed everything to the One Who died for him (II Cor 5:14-17).
- E. The victory is so complete, if you but resist the devil, he will flee from you (Jas 4:7).
- F. Find a local church of apostolic faith and order and keep His closed supper with them.

### **For Further Study:**

- 1. The sermon outline, "The Stronger Man," ... <http://www.letgodbetruer.com/sermons/christ/stronger-man/sermon.php>.
- 2. The sermon outline, "Colossians 2," ... <http://www.letgodbetruer.com/pdf/colossians-2.pdf>.
- 3. The sermon outline, "Give No Place to the Devil," ... <http://www.letgodbetruer.com/pdf/give-no-place.pdf>.
- 4. The sermon outline, "Seed of the Woman," ... <http://www.letgodbetruer.com/sermons/christ/seed-of-the-woman/sermon.php>.
- 5. The sermon outline, "The Power of Darkness," ... <http://www.letgodbetruer.com/pdf/power-of-darkness.pdf>.
- 6. The song, "What Endless Wisdom," ... <http://www.letgodbetruer.com/music/what-endless-wisdom.php>.