

TUESDAY March 3 Nailed to the Cross

- What was nailed to the cross?
- Scripture lists = 3 things

1) Christ bore our sins in His body/ paid our sin debt at the cross

1 Peter 2:24 JESUS CHRIST, ²⁴who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.

- Satisfied His own justice= Substitute / paid sin's death penalty
- Cross/ heaven's victory cry: **Paid in full**= *It is finished/one word*
- His precious blood blotted out= certificate of our indebtedness
- That [purpose statement] = when we are "in Christ"
 - We have died to sin /live for righteousness

2) In Christ = old /unregenerate self /was nailed to cross

Romans 6:6 "our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin"

3) Old Covenant Mosaic Law = signs/symbols pointed to Christ were fulfilled / ABOLISHED

Ephesians 2:13–16 ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, ¹⁵**having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, [Old Covenant = Book of the Law = Mosaic Law]** so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity.

Colossians 2:14 ¹⁴having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

- Few verses have been = as misunderstood /as Colossians 2:14
- Many claim = Ten Commandments were “nailed to the cross”
 - Therefore = seventh-day Sabbath no longer matters
- But when we study this text = in its context = discover
 - something profoundly different / infinitely more beautiful
- Paul = not setting aside God’s eternal moral law
 - Instead = celebrating **Christ’s victory over sin**
 - and **fulfillment /ceremonial system** /that pointed to Him
- Let’s take = closer look = in context

Colossians 2:11–13 ¹¹In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, **[apparent contrast to fleshly circumcision/stipulation of ceremonial law]** ¹²buried w/ Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

- Old, unregenerate self = cut away / circumcision of heart
- buried in baptism = as we identify ourselves w/Christ = come up from watery grave = new creation in Christ = **2 Cor 5:17**

¹³And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses,

- **Paul addresses forgiveness of sins / conversion experience**
- from “dead in trespasses” to “made alive” in Christ

Colossians 2:14–18 ¹⁴having wiped out the handwriting of requirements [**KJV “ordinances”**] that was against us, which was

contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

- **ORDINANCES = ORIGINAL GK DOGMA**

ABSG The word “ordinances” ...refers to legal decrees, whether secular ... or ecclesiastical... This Greek word’s only other occurrence in Paul’s writings refers to the ceremonial law, which formed a wall of separation between Jews and Gentiles... .

Colossians 2:15-17 ¹⁵Having disarmed principalities / powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it. ¹⁶So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths [annual sabbaths/festival days], ¹⁷**which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ.**

- **Christ fulfilled = Old Covenant / Mosaic Law “ types” merely shadow Pointed to = ministry of coming Messiah**
- Reference = food/drink offering = festivals = Annual sabbaths
 - symbolically shadowed = ministry of Christ
- All recorded in = Old Covenant **Book of the Law** = which also
 - included listing of God’s curses for disobedience
 - Placed in side pocket of God’s throne [ark]
 - Stand as witness against unfaithfulness
- W/ blood of everlasting covenant = being shed on Calvary’s cross, commandments contained in ordinances were abolished
- **What was NOT nailed to the cross?**
- Scripture is clear = God’s moral law of love =reflects His holy character / and is summarized in the Ten Commandments
 - Is included in New Covenant when God writes His laws in our heart (**Hebrews 8:10**).

- Clearly, Paul / not suggesting = Ten Commandments were nailed to the cross = not when elsewhere he defines sin as violation of the Ten Commandments (*Rom. 7:7*).

CLOSING THOUGHT:

- When Jesus died on / cross
 - Every symbol of sanctuary = found its fulfillment
 - Lamb of God had come
 - blood of animals could no longer point forward
 - They had all met their reality = in Christ
- That's what was "nailed to the cross"
- Not Ten Commandments = but ceremonial system that had served its purpose / in revealing God's plan of salvation
- **Cross did not abolish obedience = fulfilled symbols / shadows**
 - **that found their reality in Jesus**