

The Provision of the Gospel

The Cross

Colossians 2:8-15

Introduction

In verse 8 of Chapter 2, Paul writes, "See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ." (Col 2:8 NIV)

1. False teachers were telling the Colossians that there was a higher spiritual " _____ " that they lacked.
2. We don't 'graduate' beyond _____.
3. Spiritual forces at work in this world seek to capture and _____ your spirit to their spiritual domination and control.
4. The fullness we receive through Jesus provides every resource we need to _____ and mature spiritually.
5. Verse 3 tells us that in Christ are hidden all the _____ of wisdom and knowledge.
6. Jesus is the _____ Word of God!
7. The Cross is the means through which we overcome _____ and inherit an eternal life of incredible treasures.
8. Accepting Christ's sacrifice on the Cross is what makes us _____ in Him.

I. The Cross Cancels Our Debt

9. The Cross has canceled our "certificate of _____."

10. The first provision we receive when we accept Jesus as our Savior is that God _____ the debt of our unrighteous deeds.
11. We have a certificate of debt to _____, which is one of our root problems
12. We stand as convicted _____ before God.
13. Your debt is to God, not to _____.
14. God has already paid your debt through Jesus' _____ on the cross."
15. _____ is the only person never to receive a certificate of debt from God!
16. Through the Cross, God is willing to _____ *all* your transgressions and cancel out your certificate of debt.
17. But to receive this incredible gift, you must _____ Jesus' sacrifice as full payment for your sins.
18. The _____ cancels your debt to God.

II. The Cross Changes Our Nature

19. The Cross also changes our _____.
20. Circumcision was a visible, continuous reminder that Israel owed its existence to _____, who created them out of nothing.
21. God's power proves to be greater than all of the _____ laws that govern our world – even death itself!

22. The Cross is a spiritual circumcision that separates us from a life in the flesh to a life in the _____.
23. We are _____ as slaves to sin!
24. We commit _____ because it is our nature to sin.
25. Circumcision was Abraham's acknowledgment that the physical realm cannot fulfill God's spiritual _____.
26. As a Christian, there is a constant battle between the _____ and the spirit.
27. Not only did Christ's death pay the penalty for your sins and remove the guilt of your sins, but He also _____ Satan's authority over you.
28. When we received Christ, we partake of His _____ nature, which helps us reject the lie that we are doomed to live in slavery to sin.
29. Your growth in _____ unleashes the Spirit's guidance and power to liberate you and show you God's way and timing.

III. The Cross Defeats the Opposition

30. The provision God has made through the Cross provides deliverance and freedom from _____ control.
31. These "principalities and powers" are _____ spirits, which Paul tells the Ephesians are the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.
32. Satan and his demons will _____ you to disobey God's will or can accuse you of being rejected by God.
33. Christ's death on the Cross breaks Satan's _____ over us!

Conclusion

34. There is great _____ through the Cross of Christ.
35. The provision of the _____ has come at the expense of the Cross.
36. The gospel message proclaims that even though we are born in sin, God's plan is to _____ us.
37. Through the Cross, has provided every _____ needed to live a triumphant and victorious life both now and forever.

Don't keep the miracle provision of the gospel to yourself! Share the gospel message with others. Reach out to your family, your friends, and your coworkers and give them a chance to inherit this incredible eternal life! Why? Because the time is short! The end is near, and Jesus is coming again!

ANSWERS

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| 1. Fullness | 18. Cross | 36. Rescue |
| 2. Jesus | 19. Nature | 37. resource |
| 3. Enslave | 20. Yahweh | |
| 4. Grow | 21. Natural | |
| 5. Treasures | 22. Spirit | |
| 6. Living | 23. Born | |
| 7. Sin | 24. Sins | |
| 8. Complete | 25. Promise | |
| 9. Debt | 26. Flesh | |
| 10. Cancels | 27. Disarmed | |
| 11. God | 28. Divine | |
| 12. Felons | 29. Faith | |
| 13. Humanity | 30. Satan's | |
| 14. Death | 31. Demonic | |
| 15. Jesus | 32. Tempt | |
| 16. Forgive | 33. Authority | |
| 17. Accept | 34. Power | |
| | 35. Gospel | |