

# **Nailed to the Cross**

**Colossians 2:9-15**

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- Paul wants them to be rooted and built up in Christ, established in the faith (v. 7).
- He warns them of those who would take them captive through philosophy and deceit (v. 8).
- He stresses that they are complete in Christ (vs. 9-10).
- He reminds them that they have been circumcised spiritually through baptism (vs. 11-13), and have received the forgiveness of their sins.

- “having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us” (NKJV).
- “Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us” (KJV).
- “having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us and which was hostile to us” (NASB).
- “by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands” (ESV).

# ***The Handwriting of Requirements***

- Refers to requirements, decrees, or legal demands.
- The commands, statutes, or decrees of the Law of Moses which had been put in writing.

# Represents the Entire Law of Moses

- The Bible never makes any distinction between parts of the Law of Moses.
- The word “*handwriting*” means “what one has written with his own hand.” The Ten Commandments were written, first by the finger of God (Ex. 31:18), then by Moses.
- Hebrews 8:7-10 indicates that the Ten Commandments were the beginning part of the covenant which had become obsolete (v. 13).

# ***Against Us and Contrary To Us***

- The Law of Moses made no provision for the forgiveness of sin (Gal. 3:10; Heb. 10:1-4).
- The Law of Moses kept Jews locked up in sin and Gentiles locked out in sin.
- Peter called it a *yoke* that no man could bear (Acts 15:10).
- Paul called it the *ministry of death* (2 Cor. 3:7).

# ***What Happened to the Law of Moses?***

- ***Wiped Out*** – the writing was removed and the decree was thus canceled.
- ***Taken Out of the Way*** – permanently removed.
- ***Having Nailed it to the Cross*** –
  - Matt. 5:17-18
  - Rom. 10:4

# ***The Triumph of Christ***

- ***Disarmed Principalities and Powers***
  - Eph. 1:20-21; Heb. 2:14
- ***Made a Public Spectacle of Them***
  - Acts 2:22-24, 36; Rom. 1:4
- ***Triumphing Over Them In It***
  - John 12:32-33