

LINCOLN COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH
SERMON OUTLINE
July 8th, 2018
Col. 2:13-15

- **Recap:** Last week, we looked at verses 11 and 12, which dealt with our changed natures as new creatures in Christ, through spiritual burial, baptism, and circumcision.
- This passage is about the grace of God. This is about God’s gracious intervention into your life, in order to save you. **(Romans 3:9-18)**

- **“And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh,”**
 - While “thanatos” typically refers to the destruction and end of general phenomenon, such as the “death” of empires, souls, etc., “necros,” is the direct word for a corpse.
 - One can be physically alive, and spiritually “dead,” i.e. totally spiritually unable to know God, peace, or righteousness. **(Romans 5:12-21)**
 - The human race was drastically altered spiritually and physically when we became a fallen, corrupted race. Ever since then, the human race has suffered from the affects of “death.” Scripture says that sin, on all levels, brings forth death. **(James 1:13-15)**
 - Paul here illustrates the fact that sin itself “pays out” death, and in this context he is talking about believers that are continuing to sin. **(Romans 6:23, Romans 7:21-24.)**

- **“God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands.”**
 - Notice here the active verb at the beginning of this passage. “Made alive together.” God had to make us “alive,” with him, the exact opposite of death. The Greek word here is NOT “bios,” where we get our word “biology” from, but the word “zoaen,” which is much more about quality or experience of life.
 - So when we understand “death,” and understand “life,” realize God is in the business of restoring your Life, and removing Death from you, defined as death that comes from anything outside of, contrary to, or against God.

- **“having forgiven us all our trespasses,”**
 - God is the one who forgives you of sins, and of ALL your sins, there isn’t any sin that God relegates to lower priests.

- **“by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.”**
 - It is critical to make clear that your being made alive was not done just for you, but ultimately, was done to bring God glory. This is the glory He receives because of His victory over all the powers of Satan and sin in the world.

- **Application:**
 - **Let us seek out Life, that Life which is found only in Christ, not just because He is the source of it, but also the victor over sin and death.**