



CHRIST THE KING
ALL THINGS HOLD TOGETHER IN HIM



Gruesome & Glorious Truths

Colossians 2:11-15

Main Idea

The gruesome truth is that apart from Christ we are spiritually dead and corrupt. The glorious truth is that in Christ we are spiritually alive and made new.

Overview

I. Who are we apart from Christ?

- Apart from Christ we are dead
 - Spiritually dead
 - Cut off from an intimate relationship with God
- Uncircumcised in our flesh
 - Flesh represents our sinful nature, our union with Adam
 - We have no God honoring impulse or inclination

II. Who are we in Christ?

- Circumcised
 - A circumcision made without hands – that is, by God himself
 - It's not a physical but a spiritual circumcision of the heart (cf. Dt. 10:16; 30:6; Rm. 2:29)
- Alive
 - By faith we are buried with Christ and raise to new life with Christ
 - Before we were dead, but God has made us alive together with Christ

III. What was accomplished by the Cross of Christ?

- The penalty of sin was paid – that is the debt we owed to God for our trespasses was paid by Christ at the Cross
- The power of sin was defeated – the one charge Satan had against us, unforgiven sin, was taken care of at the cross
- The presence of sin was removed (in the future) – at the cross the victory is won; though we still have battles to fight, we look to the future of a hope with no sin (Rv. 21:3-5)