

**Alive**  
**Colossians 2.6-15**  
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## Introduction

What does it mean to be alive in Christ?

What is salvation?

Salvation is...

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God - vs. 12-13a
  - We are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ dead without Christ
  - It's important to note that this is the work of God
    - God sent his son -- God is the \_\_\_\_\_
    - Romans 5.6-11; Genesis 3 - God came to them, made them confess their sin, and then God made it right.
  - We don't need to do anything to \_\_\_\_\_ our salvation except \_\_\_\_\_ the gift of grace and \_\_\_\_\_ our lives to the one who came to give us life when we were dead and didn't even realize it.
2. On our **behalf** - 13b-14
  - When we speak of the death of Christ we are talking about something called \_\_\_\_\_ atonement.
  - Luke 7. 36-50
    - Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe; Sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow

- We have been forgiven; we are forgiven. We are called to forgive. That means that we even forgive \_\_\_\_\_. We have \_\_\_\_\_ over sin and death through Christ.

## 3. Securing \_\_\_\_\_ over sin and death - vs. 15

- We are released not only from the guilt and shame of sin, but from its \_\_\_\_\_ over us.
  - The greatest irony in all history is that the cross, an emblem of suffering and shame, a symbol of a curse and utter disgrace was precisely the tool God used to remove our curse and our disgrace.
- John 12.31; 1Corinthians 1.18, 2.8; Hebrews 2.14; Genesis 3.15
- Even though there are still battles to be waged, we know that the war is \_\_\_\_\_.

## Conclusion

- We can experience eternal life because...
  - It is the work of \_\_\_\_\_
  - On \_\_\_\_\_ behalf
  - \_\_\_\_\_ victory over sin and death

Jesus is not one of many ways to approach God, nor is He the best of several ways; He is the only way.

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