

CHRISTUS VICTOR! —CHRISTUS VICTOR WEEK 16— *Colossians 2:13-15 (NIV)*

I. OUR _____ TURNED TO _____

¹³ When you were dead in your sins
and in the uncircumcision of your flesh,

God made you alive with Christ.

II. OUR _____ TAKEN _____

He forgave us all our sins,
¹⁴ having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness,
which stood against us and condemned us;

he has taken it away,

nailing it to the cross.

III. OUR _____ TAKEN _____

¹⁵ And having disarmed the powers and authorities,

he made a public spectacle of them,

triumphing over them by the cross.

THE BOTTOM LINE

Remember that in Christ:

- We have been made alive (Death is defeated!)
- Our sins have been forgiven (Sin is defeated!)
- We have been freed from demonic control (Satan is defeated!)

Yet we await the final fulfillment of this:

- We still die (But we will rise with Christ!)
- We still sin (But we receive continued grace!)
- We still suffer demonic attack (But we can overcome it!)

So, in the meantime, we transform our thinking by believing these truths and then we live them out:

- When facing death, say:
“I have been made alive with Christ.” (Col 2:13)
“Death has been swallowed up in victory.” (1 Cor 15:54)
- When feeling guilty, confess your sins and say:
“My sins have been nailed to the cross with Christ.” (Col 2:14)
“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for me.” (Rom 8:1)
- When tempted or attacked by Satan, say:
“God disarmed you, made a public spectacle of you, and triumphed over you by the cross.” (Col 2:15)
“In Christ’s name I stand against you.” (Eph 6:13-14)

Which of these three sets of paraphrased verses do you need to memorize and put into practice this week?

