

**Message:** The Story That Easter Validates

**Scripture:** Colossians 2:13-14

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### **1 Corinthians 15:12-14**

*<sup>12</sup> Now if Christ is preached, that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?*

*<sup>13</sup> But if there is no resurrection of the dead, not even Christ has been raised;*

*<sup>14</sup> and if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain.*

1. Debt (An Insurmountable Debt)
2. Enemy (An Estranged Relationship)
3. Gift (An Undeserved Gift)
4. Friend (A Restored Relationship)

1. An Insurmountable Debt (DEBT)

### **Psalms 51:5**

*<sup>5</sup> Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me.*

### **Col. 2:13-14**

*<sup>13</sup> When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions,*

*<sup>14</sup> having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.*

### **Romans 3:10**

*<sup>10</sup> as it is written, "There is none righteous, not even one;"*

### **Romans 3:23**

*<sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,*

2. An Estranged Relationship (ENEMY)

### **Colossians 2:14**

*<sup>14</sup> having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.*

**Romans 8:7**

<sup>7</sup> because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so,

**Hebrews 9:27**

<sup>27</sup> And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment

**3. An Undeserved Gift (GIFT)****Hebrews 9:22**

<sup>22</sup> And according to the Law, one may almost say, all things are cleansed with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

**Colossians 2:14**

<sup>14</sup> having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

**Romans 3:24**

<sup>24</sup> being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;

**4. A Restored Relationship (FRIEND)****Ephesians 2:8-9**

<sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God;

<sup>9</sup> not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

**Romans 5:1-2**

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

<sup>2</sup> through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God.