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Big Idea: After Adam and Eve dropped the ball and lost the legal rights of rulership of planet earth to the devil, it looked like all was lost. But God always has a plan to bring hope and redemption to his kids. When the time was right, he sent his own Son Jesus to win back our destined purpose.

It happened at the Cross

Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, 'It is finished!' and He bowed His head and gave up His spirit. When Jesus finally cried, "It is finished!" John 19:3

He simply meant that our debt of sin was paid in full. All that Adam and Eve had led us into, the prison door of bondage to sin, was opened by Jesus.

For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; for he who has died is freed from sin ... For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:5-7, 23 NASB

Jesus cancelled out our debt of sin

Paul, the Apostle, told the story to a church in Colossae. All of our sins were listed on Jesus' "Certificate of Debt" and he fully paid for them all by his death.

Here's what Paul wrote about the legal transaction and Jesus' victory over Satan:

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, 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.

When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him. Colossians 2:13-15

The results of Jesus death on the cross and his resurrection were:

1. He paid the price of all sin, for all people, for all time. Our "Certificate of Debt" was the legal

charges that warranted our death. *The wages of sin is death.*

It was now legally possible, by the grace and mercy of God, for every person to stand innocent before God, covered in the righteousness of Jesus.

He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

2 Corinthians 5:21 NASB

2. He signed the death warrant for Satan, the ruler of the world. We are no longer bound as slaves of the devil.

When Satan illegally murdered Jesus, over whom he had no legal authority, Satan lost his legal rights to humankind and to the planet. *But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place.*

For we are a fragrance of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who

are perishing; to the one an aroma from death to death, to the other an aroma from life to life. 2 Corinthians 2:14-16a NASB

3. He created a way for all believers to be restored as rightful rulers in his Kingdom. *But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvellous light; 1 Peter 2:9 NASB*

4. He sent his Holy Spirit to help us and to empower us to fulfill our purpose as Kingdom partners. *but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth." Acts 1:8 NASB*

5. He paid the price for our healing of spirit soul and body. *This was to fulfill what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet: "He Himself took our*

infirmities and carried away our diseases.”

Matthew 8:17 NASB

6. He conquered death. We, as believers and recipients of God's grace, have been granted eternal life. *But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, “Death is swallowed up in victory. “O death, where is your victory? O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law; but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 15:54-57 NASB*

If only Satan had understood the power of the cross! *But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.*

1 Corinthians 2:7-8 ESV

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