

Good Friday

Colossians 2:13-14

What is True of Those Outside of Christ?

- They need the life that God has given to those who are inside Christ in order to be saved
- They are dead in their sins
- Reference Eph 4:17-18
- They are separated from the life of God because of their hardness of heart
- They have transgressed God's Law and deserve death, physically and spiritually

What is True of Those in Christ?

- They are alive in Christ because He has given rebirth to their spirit
- Reference Romans Ch. 6 & John 10:10
- Jesus came to give life to all those who are in Him
- Jesus will honor His promises to all of those who believe in Him, and will do even more
- Those who believe in Him have His guidance and strength to fight against sin

How has This Great Exchange Happened?

- God has forgiven us our sins, but He cannot simply wipe them away on a whim. He is just and must satisfy His justice against all sins and transgressions.
- To forgive our sins, Jesus took the penalty and judgement of all those who believe in His name. He paid, in full, all the debt of sin we had to pay.
- Our sin was not forgotten, it was paid for with blood, the blood of the Son of God.
- Our sin was NAILED TO THE CROSS.

Reflection Questions

- Are you outside or in Christ?
- Do you believe that there is a record of debt that stands against you because of your trespasses?
- Do you believe that your record of debt was nailed to the cross?
- Do you believe that you have a personal responsibility in the death of Jesus Christ?
- Do you believe that, through faith in Christ, you are fully alive and completely forgiven?