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## Cancelling Your Debt Without Going Bankrupt Colossians 2:13-15

God has created a way to pay in full the debt we owed concerning sin. He has done this through his Son, Jesus Christ. The cross' power extends to those whom God loves and to those whom God opposes.

- Our failures have been cancelled, erased, removed.
  - Our condemners have been disarmed of their ability to beat us up with our failures
1. When you think of the fact that God has prepared a way for you to be freed from sin's claims and power, how does that make you feel? How did it make you feel on the day you accepted God's Son as the sacrifice for your sins?
  2. The power of shame has held individual hearts in personal prisons for years, even life times, share a shaming moment in your life that's power has been broken?
  3. Is there anything in your life that Satan's emissaries continue to bring up and use to accuse you? How could you settle it?
  4. If we are forgiven through the cross and this is the message the church proclaims, why is the church seen or experienced as an unforgiving place?
  5. What could we do better within the church to eliminate a legalistic and unforgiving overtone?
  6. Since God extended forgiveness to you and you are being made in his Son's image even in regard to forgiveness, to whom do you need to extend forgiveness? (yourself, spouse, family member, co-worker, church attender?)

### Textual Questions:

What does it mean to have an "uncircumcision of your sinful nature?" (In verse 13, Paul refers to "sins" or acts that we do and also to "sinful nature" or the natural nature / heart we are born with which is in rebellion against God. The nature in and of itself is opposed to God but the use of uncircumcision pushes it even further away from God, circumcision being a sign of obedience.

How has God made "a public spectacle of them," these spiritual forces? (Help: Because he broke their power over death by resurrection after the cross for himself, and their power has been broken in other lives as those lives have been freed and become lights for the gospel of Christ, a testimony to His power.)