

“Disarmed and Defeated”
Colossians 2:15

I. Colossians 2:15 completes the thought of Col. 2:9-14

- A. The Colossians were already complete in Christ (2:9-10).
- B. Their guilt, which might have been tempting them to add to their Christian faith, was taken out of the way at the cross (2:11-13).
- C. That’s why adopting this new (demonic) philosophy in their midst was so unnecessary.

II. “Besides”, Col. 2:15 adds, “at the cross, the manipulative forces of evil were disarmed and defeated – *routed*, even.”

- A. Satan, and those in league with him, used to constantly accuse God’s people before Him to thwart His plans.
- B. Yet by manipulating humanity to put the Messiah to death on the cross, the sins of God’s people were atoned for, forever.
- C. Their moment of seeming victory was their moment of defeat.

1 Corinthians 2:7–8 - ⁷ But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸ None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

- D. And after Christ’s ascension, the accuser and his angels were cast out of the courts of Heaven. (Rev. 12:1-10)

III. Applications

- A. We should realize our guilt is gone and stop listening to the manipulative accusations of the evil one.
- B. We should not let ourselves be used as his tools of manipulation of others.