

## CHRIST'S TRIUMPH OVER THE DEVIL

Colossians 2:13-15 in the AMP Version

*When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh (worldliness, manner of life), God made you alive together with Christ, having [freely] forgiven us all our sins, having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of legal demands [which were in force] against us and which were hostile to us. And this certificate He has set aside and completely removed by nailing it to the cross. When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities [those supernatural forces of evil operating against us], He made a public example of them [exhibiting them as captives in His triumphal procession], having triumphed over them through the cross. (Numbers 21:4-9; John 3:14-17)*



### Five ways Jesus conquered the devil through His substitutionary death.

1. **Substitution** (Isaiah 53:4-6; 2 Corinthians 5:21)
  - The impossible chasm which separated man from God was bridged through the vicarious or substitutionary death of Christ on the cross. Jesus died FOR the sins of others.
2. **Atonement** (Psalm 103:12; Romans 3:24, 5:19)
  - Used as “reconciled” in many instances, it literally means to cover and to take out of the way. Our sins have been taken out of the way to be remembered no more.
3. **Propitiation** (1 John 2:2)
  - This means to “turn away the wrath of God through sacrifice.” God, Himself, provided the sacrifice to turn away His own wrath against sin.
4. **Reconciliation** (Colossians 1:19-20)
  - This is the great blessing of salvation: that we are brought back into a relationship with God.
5. **Redemption** (Ephesians 1:7; Titus 2:11-14)
  - This is the releasing from captivity, slavery or death by payment of a price, called a ransom.