**That Crazy Family of Yours**

**The Biggest Bill Has Been Paid[[1]](#footnote-1)**

**I. The Significance of the Bill**

A. Dead in your transgressions

Transgressions – paraptwmata

B. Outside the covenant community

**v. 13** - *dead in…the uncircumcision of your flesh…*

C. Possession of a certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us

1. its meaning

cheirographos – something written with the hand, an autograph

**Galatians 3:24** - *Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.*

2. its effect

**v. 14** - *which was hostile toward us*

**Galatians 3:10** - *For as many as are of the works of the Law are under a curse; for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who does not abide by all things written in the book of the law, to perform them.”*

**2 Corinthians 5:11, 20, 21** - *Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade men…Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*

**II. The Sufficiency of the Payment**

A. Made alive together with Him

**Colossians 2:13** - *When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him…*

**Colossians 1:13** - *For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,*

**Colossians 1:19-20** - *For it was the Father’s good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven.*

**John 3:16-18** - *For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.*

B. The payment is a Person

**verse 9** - *For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form*

**2 Corinthians 5:21** - *He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*

**John 1:14** - *And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

**Philippians 2:7-8** - *but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.*

C. Having forgiven all your transgressions

**verse 13** - *having forgiven us all our transgressions*

1. God’s forgiveness is gracious

**Romans 3:24** - *being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;*

2. God’s forgiveness is complete

**Romans 5:20** - *The Law came in so that the transgression would increase; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more,*

3. God’s forgiveness is eager

**Psalm 86:5** - *For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive, and abundant in lovingkindness to all who call upon You.*

4. God’s forgiveness is certain

**Acts 26:18** - *to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me.*

5. God’s forgiveness is unequalled

**Micah 7:18** - *Who is a God like You, who pardons iniquity and passes over the rebellious act of the remnant of His possession? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in unchanging love.*

6. God’s forgiveness is motivating

**Ephesians 4:32** - *Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.*

D. He will cancel out the certificate of debt

**Colossians 2:14** - *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.*

canceled out – exaleipho – like wiping off a blackboard

**Psalm 130:3-4** - *If You, Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You, that You may be feared.*

**Isaiah 55:7** - *Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return to the Lord, and He will have compassion on him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.*

**Hebrews 8:12** - *For I will be merciful to their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more.*

**Luke 2:10-11** - *But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.*

**III. The Superiority of the Victory**

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

**Colossians 1:18** - *He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything.*

**Galatians 6:14** - *But may it never be that I would boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.*

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