

# Colossians Series

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A landscape photograph showing a field of trees in the foreground, a hill in the middle ground, and mountains in the background under a clear sky. The text is overlaid on the image.

# **COLOSSIANS:**

## **Jesus Christ is All-Sufficient**

**Complete Forgiveness**

**Colossians 2:13–14**



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**ὄντας *ontas* – present active participle of *eimi*, to be, to exist**

**no article, adverbial modifying “has made alive”**

**Pres ptcp is at the same time as the action of the verb: “made alive.” This expresses our status at the time we are made alive with Him.**

**Temporal: When you were dead in your trespasses...**

**Concessive: Though you were dead in your trespasses...**

**Our status was DEAD—not physically, but spiritually**



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**aor act indicative, 3s**

**“to make alive together with”**

**Eph. 2:5, “even though we were dead in our transgressions, God made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),**

**Eph. 2:6, “and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,”**

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**χαρίζομαι (*charizomai*), show favour or kindness, give as a favour, to be gracious to someone, to pardon;**

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ἐξάλειφω *exaleiphō*,

Aor Act Ptcp

“wipe away, blot out, rub out, erase, eradicate, remove”

**Psa. 51:9, “Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.”**

**Isa. 43:25, “I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake; and I will not remember your sins.”**

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ὑπεναντίος, *hupenantios*

“in opposition to, against, contrary to” us

“US” = “Gentiles”

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**προσηλόω *prosēloō***

**aor act part masc sing nom**

**“to fasten; to nail to”**

**By nailing it to the cross**

## **FOUR Categories of Forgiveness**

- 1. Forgiveness directed toward God, where the justice of God cancels the debt of sin. For all mankind without distinction. *Forensic Forgiveness***
- 2. Forgiveness positionally *in Christ*. Forgiveness personally realized at the moment of salvation. Eph. 1:7; Col. 2:14**
- 3. Experiential forgiveness, 1 John 1:9**
- 4. Relational forgiveness, Eph. 4:32**

- 1. Sin is not the issue at salvation. The individual's sin is not the issue at salvation. Your sin is not the issue at salvation.**
- 2. This does not mean that sin, the sin penalty, and the reality of a person's spiritual death is ignored, but that personal sin is not the focal point.**
- 3. The focal point is grace; the emphasis is on forgiveness in the sense of Christ having paid it all at the cross.**
- 4. The point of application beyond the Gospel is that if Jesus paid it ALL at the cross; then He solved our greatest problem and can therefore be sufficient to solve any other problem we have in life.**