

Text: Colossians 2:13-15, NIV

The Barriers to Belonging to God's Family

- The problem – _____.

- The _____ against us.

- The _____.

How Victory is Won

- God _____.

- God _____ us all our sin.

- God _____ the powers and authorities.

- God triumphed through _____.

Life Enrichment

What did you find most helpful, most challenging, or most troubling about today's teaching? Why?

- Suppose a friend asked you why God loves us so much. How would you explain it?
- Why do you think God wants to remove all the barriers we face to becoming a part of His family.
- What were the charges of wrongdoing that you faced? How is it possible for Jesus to take your charges on Himself?
- What are some of the ways that the powers and authorities prevent us from becoming part of God's family? How do they usually accomplish their work?
- How do you think human institutions like governments, banks, schools, universities, and churches act as powers and authorities, hindering people's progress toward Christ?
- Read 2 Corinthians 10:4-5. What are some of the world's arguments and philosophies that keep people from knowing God? How has the cross dealt with these?
- Why do you think that Paul insists that the cross alone brings victory over everything that prevents people from knowing God? How can this help you live victoriously as a follower of Christ?