

## Don't Be Taken Captive! (Pt. 4)

### Colossians 2:13–14

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**Main Idea:** Don't Be Taken Captive by deceptive and enslaving false teaching.

**Outline:** Paul gives us two means to safeguard us from being taken captive:

- I. By Spotting Error (v. 8)
- II. By Knowing Truth (vv. 9–15)
  - A. Jesus is God in the Flesh (v. 9)
  - B. Jesus is the Sufficient Savior (v. 10a)
  - C. Jesus is Lord over All (v. 10b)
  - D. Jesus Effects a Spiritual Transformation (vv. 11–12)
  - E. **Jesus Grants Spiritual Life (vv. 13–14)**

1. Colossians 2:13 begins by telling us that Christians were dead in their transgressions and the uncircumcision of their flesh. What do these two terms mean and what is the distinction between the two?
2. Related to question number one, how do these aspects of our lives before Christ cause one to be dead?
3. Discuss why it's significant that a person grasp their spiritual condition, first, before they come to marvel in God's forgiveness?



4. Who is the author and granter of spiritual life? What are the implications of this for daily living and Gospel proclamation?
5. In your words, what is forgiveness?
6. In v. 14 Paul describes forgiveness using two beautiful pictures. Discuss how each one contributes to our understanding of forgiveness.
7. How does forgiveness motivate us to love much? (cf. Luke 7:40–50)
8. How does forgiveness motivate us to forgive much? (Matt 18:21–35)
9. Why is forgiveness not a license to sin but a motivation to personal holiness? (Romans 6:1)

