

# Inadmissible Evidence At The Supreme Court

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Colossians 1:

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| 1. | 1:13 <b>He rescued us from the domain of Darkness</b>      |
| 2. | 1:21 <b>We were alienated and hostile (to God) in mind</b> |
| 3. | 1:21 <b>Engaged in evil deeds</b>                          |
| 4. | 2:13 <b>Dead in your transgressions</b>                    |

### QUESTION:

**WHY** is it so important that we realize our status before God saved us?

**So that Jesus Christ will have first place in everything in your lives, that He will be the priority of your life! 1:18**

13 **When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions,**

### **How did God do this?**

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.**

### Question

What is being spoken of here?

What is the certificate of debt?

What are the decrees against  
us?

What was hostile to  
us?

## **The Law**

**having canceled** –AORIST ACTIVE PARTICIPLE from  
a compound verb meaning ‘to rub out’ “to  
smear out’ “to blot out’

Let’s begin by noting an alarming place this verb is used: *not blotting out a name in the book of life* Revelation 3:5 **'He who overcomes** those who overcome Satan and believe in JESUS CHRIST as Savior **will thus be clothed in white garments; and I will not erase** King James *not blot out his name from the book of life, and I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.*

In Classical Greek, this was a judicial word. It is used for wiping out an IOU. When someone holds an IOU against you, it is legal pressure against you.

So, first point of this word is that it is **Pressure—I owe this debt; I am bound to this person; Whoever holds this IOU against you- there is pressure on you—against you;**

So, when there is a debt against you, in the ancient world, as today, represents pressure; If the debt is not collected in one way it will be collected in another and not to your benefit. “In **Ancient Greece**, bankruptcy did not exist. If a man owed and he could not pay, he and his wife, children or servants were forced into "**debt slavery**", until the creditor recouped losses via their "**physical labour**".

So, here is what God did with the IOU that we all owed Him. **He cancelled it out** and the AORIST ACTIVE PARTICIPLE indicates that the debt has been cancelled once and for all. And the debt was cancelled by what occurred on the cross.

But there is something else with the AORIST PARTICIPLE Action of the AORIST PARTICIPLE always precedes the action of the main verb—**He has taken it out of the way** so this debt was cancelled before it was taken out of the way. The Aorist tense tells us this debt has been taken out, not only for those described here as **you** but for all members of the human race. A great pressure has been removed by the Grace of God and the Love of God. In verse 13 He has *forgiven us*. This means that all the sins of all the human race have been forgiven and here we find the JESUS CHRIST cancelled the debt for the entire human race.

**There are two great burdens on every member of the human race.**

one:.....The IOU—debt of sins:

God has graciously removed this debt from us.

But two:.....Perfect Righteousness:

We must be perfectly righteous to have fellowship with God and here is where your volition comes in.

**You have to make a Faith decision to believe in JESUS CHRIST**

and when you do that, again,  
God graciously imputes His Own Perfect Righteousness in you  
and pronounces you Justified.

**Having canceled out...**what was canceled out?

**the certificate of debt** This is a compound noun made up of hand and to write so the King James correctly translates this **the handwriting** and this refers to the handwriting of a debt

“a note written by the hand  
which makes one obligated  
to fulfill what is written”.

And what is written down stating that we owe:

**The handwriting**

Today in the world of computers people think very little of what they text, or e-mail or tweet... but even today, most people pay attention to what they actually write down with their own hand!

Being written down by hand  
puts a lot more weight on what you are signing.

**The Handwriting of debt** King James **of ordinances**

you are going to like this Greek word: **dogma**.

That's right, this is where we get the word **dogma** which comes from the root 'to think' –opinion, conclusion, proposition, ordinance, dogma.

**In Classical Greek two spheres of meanings  
dominate the definition of dogma:**

**a decree or an ordinance;**

**and**

**a doctrine or dogma.**

Here in the New Testament it refers to an “authoritative decision or ordinance, particularly the legal ordinances of the Mosaic Law of which the basis of the NIV translation **legal indebtedness**.

This handwritten legal indebtedness declares that we owe God Perfect Righteousness. No one can pay this debt.

**I owe you, God, a perfect, sinless life  
and no one can pay this debt.**

This is why Jesus, after being born of a virgin, —therefore, minus Inherited Sin Nature, must now live a Perfect, Sinless life to qualify to go to the cross for all mankind. But for all mankind it is

a completely hopeless debt. There is no way that even one member of the human race can ever pay off. And this includes every Self-righteous person.

They assume that they can help God save them if they are so wonderful or who have had dramatic change in moral behavior pattern.

This is where we first learn of God's Loving **Grace** and truly learn about *arrogance*. **Arrogance thinks it can actually pay off this debt owed to God while Grace.**

God knows it is impossible for anyone to pay off this debt due to the Inherited Sin Nature, so in **Grace**, God cancels this debt in total.

There is no deed or life of deeds no way of life, whereby you can enter into a relationship with God, and it is arrogant to assume that by keeping some 'list' that you can earn a relationship with God.

There is an IOU of indebtedness against every member of the human race and this indebtedness is a **barrier** between God and mankind. You cannot come to God in debt.

So many people, including theologians, have the wrong view about God. They think that God is all Love and by that everyone is going to spend Eternity with Him. Yes, God is Love –but there

are several other attributes that make up the being of Deity, and His Perfect Righteousness is at issue and out of that Love He has removed this barrier and set up a system of Grace whereby EVERYONE **can indeed** spend eternity with Him.

God is Omniscient and has come up with a way to cancel the debt without compromising His perfect character.

In verse 13, God has forgiven all our sins by the work of JESUS CHRIST on cross. In verse 14, God cancels the debt we owe Him.

In verse 15, God is victorious in the Angelic Conflict.

Sometimes the apostle starts with our condition at birth, that is that we are **spiritually dead**. Sometimes the writer will start with **why** we are spiritually dead. Other times he will start with JESUS CHRIST's **WORK ON THE CROSS**, taking our place and, therefore, he has just mentioned the two deaths of JESUS CHRIST on the cross in verse 12.

**Having canceled the handwritten legal indebtedness.** Every member of the human race owes God Perfect Righteousness and a sinless life. How about it? Can you pay Him?

Well, the **bad news** is that you owe Him perfect righteousness and a sinless life. You Owe Him! What do you mean you can't pay Him? We all owe Him!

The **good news!** God has graciously canceled that debt. And not only that, He has provided a grace way for you to have Perfect Righteousness. How about that? We owe Him and He gives to us what we owe Him.

**When anyone believes in JESUS CHRIST,  
God imputes that person with Perfect Righteousness.**

This is a great deal... but unfortunately *arrogance* keeps multitudes away from simply believing in JESUS CHRIST as Savior.

Oh, and they have such smooth persuasive arguments (verse 4) as to why they do not owe God this or how they can pay Him what they owe Him.

**And this is part of the argument of Colossians 2,  
to protect us from falling for these  
smooth sounding arguments.  
Verses 4, 8, 18 and 23.**

**Having canceled the handwritten legal indebtedness against us which was hostile to us** note carefully **was hostile** this verb is in imperfect tense which refers to time past. When was this? This goes back to when you became a member of the human race. We were born spiritually dead completely incapable of obeying the Mosaic Law.

And the **dogma** being referred to here is the Mosaic Law.

How is the Mosaic Law **against us and hostile to us**?  
We must understand the Mosaic Law.



The Mosaic Law came about from God to man (Israelites in the wilderness journey) as the standard they must live up to if they were to earn Righteousness from God. In this respect, the Mosaic Law is perfect. It teaches about the perfection of God.

So, on the one hand it teaches of the Perfect Righteousness of God, but on the other hand, it teaches just how wretched we are, even the best of us, when compared to God. Do not fall for that trap of comparing yourself with someone else here on earth. The only standard that counts is to compare yourself with God.

Now in this respect the Law condemns every one of us.  
2 Corinthians 3:6 makes it clear that the Law kills.

### **Why or how does it kill?**

First, it sets the standard of a sinless life, then it pronounces death to anyone who cannot live a sinless life. This is why we have seen how Satan is a big proponent of the Law. Why he demands that everyone live by the Mosaic Law, because he knows no one can live by the Law and therefore all are Spiritually dead and damned to spend eternity in his kingdom of darkness. Many Christians are just like Satan, they like to point out when another believer fails in their moral life. But, of course, they fail to see that they are just as guilty against the Law as the one they are judging. And worse they are in partnership with Satan in judging another believer.

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The Mosaic Law impossible standard and indeed irrational standard for creatures with Inherited Sin Nature and this is the very purpose of the Mosaic Law; to reveal to man that he is innately incapable of even 10 commands of virtue; that man cannot keep even from the thoughts of his mind.

## Is it fair?

Absolutely for one man, Jesus the Christ, kept it in its entirety His whole life.

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And now we come to one of the greatest phrases of Grace in all Scripture:  
**and He has taken it out of the way**

## THE ANGELIC CONFLICT,

Indeed, the Bible can be viewed as a **Supreme Judicial Scene.**

### **The Trial**

1. Man was created sinless
2. Man sinned and became spiritually dead; in sin, with the Inherited Sin Nature
3. The Standard of that Righteousness was presented in this Mosaic code or Mosaic Law or Mosaic Covenant
4. **Issue in the trial:** Is not how can a loving God cast His creatures into an eternal lake of fire but rather the question is how can a perfectly Righteous God **not** send all unrighteous creatures into eternal lake of fire?

The issue in the trial is what we have examined in the **10 Questions of Job.**

Job 8:3

- 3 **Does God pervert justice?  
Or does the Almighty pervert what is right?**  
If God saves one creature who is not Perfect Righteousness, then He would pervert His Own Justice;  
He would pervert what is right in His own essence.

Then added to the problem: Job 9:2

- 2 **...how can a man be in the right before God?**

Again, this is the issue, man is born un-Righteous, man is born Spiritually Dead, man is born with Inherited Sin Nature... how can such a one ever be right before God. See, here is where Religion steps in and shouts, do our list and you will be right before God. But we know from the **legal indebtedness against us** that there is no way we can ever make ourselves right before God.

Again, the problem in this court scene before God is stated in Job 4:17

17 **'Can mankind be just before God? Can a man be pure before his Maker?**

And, of course, by our first birth there is no way that a man can be just before God or pure before his maker.

So, how can a Perfectly Righteous God save unrighteous man? Remember in this trial Satan is standing there in the courtroom demanding that God sentence every human being (you and I) to eternal separation from God, and he soundly declares: Job 14:4

4 **Who can make the clean out of the unclean?  
To which Satan answers **No one!****

We have to understand what God must do to save us.  
Job 15:14

14 **"What is man, that he should be pure, Or he who is born of a woman, that he should be righteous?**

Here is the issue in this trial, the perfect Righteousness of God and the totally unrighteousness of mankind.

Think for a moment, you are sitting in this trial, they are talking about you! and you know you are no good! You know you are not pure, you know you are not righteous **and most important**, you know you cannot make yourself pure or clean or righteous according to that Standard, that **legal dogma** set up for you to completely obey.

And finally, Satan, that attorney against you, finally declares before the Righteous judge: Job 25:4

4 **"How then can a man be just with God? Or how can he be clean who is born of woman?"**

5. The first thing that God did was to send His Son, into the world to go to the cross and bear the judgment for all the sins of the world, the sins of everyone who would believe in JESUS CHRIST and the sins of everyone who would not believe in JESUS CHRIST, **all sins are forgiven**. Well, this is a beginning, but I still have that standard against me
6. Then God **judicially** took away the Standard by which He would judge all creatures. As we will see, He took it away Judicially **by nailing it to the cross**.
7. Then out of His love He would impute to every creature **who believed** in JESUS CHRIST His own Perfect Righteousness, therefore making Righteous out of the unrighteous, which Satan declared no one

could do. But God took that challenge in our behalf, and told Satan,

***I can and I will and I will do it with no help of sinful man.*** Then His Justice would pronounce everyone with +R (Perfect Righteousness) as being Justified.

Question:

**How is God going to remove the legal dogma of indebtedness against us?**

This should now flow for you.

**Having canceled the handwritten legal indebtedness against us which was hostile to us and He has taken**

The PERFECT TENSE is used to emphasize the permanence of the removal of this legal indebtedness against us; He did this by sending JESUS CHRIST to the cross.

There is one short passage that reveals all this to us:

2 Corinthians 5:21

**He** God the Father **made Him** His Son, JESUS CHRIST **who knew no sin** born without the Inherited Sin Nature and committed no sin in His life **to be sin on our behalf**, judgment on the cross **so that we** members of the human race **might become** depending on Faith in JESUS CHRIST **the righteousness of God in Him.**

Wow, there you have the answer to the **10 questions of Job** of **this great trial.**

1 Peter 2:24

**and He** JESUS CHRIST **Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin** *buried with Him in Baptism*

Colossians 2:12 **and live to righteousness;** *raised up with Him by means of Faith* **for by His wounds you were healed.** *Made clean and righteous*

**and He has taken**

The PERFECT TENSE used here indicates that sin is permanently judged on the cross with the results that it can never be judged again under the law of double jeopardy.

The judicial law of double jeopardy is stated and related in Revelation 20:12-15 where the unbeliever, at the last judgment, not judgment for sins but judgment for his human good which is placed next on the scales of Justice to the work of JESUS CHRIST on the cross.

The best way to grasp the impact of the perfect tense here is to translate this: **and He has permanently removed it** this pronoun refers to that legal indebtedness [—that is the Mosaic Law which is hostile to us and kills—] **He has permanently removed it out of the way**

This is so important—have you ever seen a movie or on TV where the judge says this information, this evidence is inadmissible and the other attorney cries out... **“there goes my case”?**

Well, that is what happened in THIS GREAT TRIAL GOING ON—Satan tries to bring up the fact that we were born in sin with

Spiritual Death and we have committed personal sins... and JESUS CHRIST stands us as our attorney and says—inadmissible...

and God the Father slams down the gavel—so be it!

So, the fact that we have violated the Mosaic Law, will never be brought up before God... oh, it will be brought up before man by your Christian friends! But not before God.

A beautiful passage that presents this scene is Revelation 12:10

10 **Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night. He has permanently removed it out of the way**  
The barrier is now permanently removed and how did God remove it out of the trial?  
**Having nailed it to the cross.**

This is the AORIST ACTIVE PARTICIPLE of the verb meaning to nail. Again, the action of the AORIST PARTICIPLE precedes the action of the main verb; the main verb is **permanently removed it out of the way** and so before God removed this dogma against us, He nailed it to the cross.

So, in this one verse we have had two AORIST PARTICIPLES showing two actions that took place before God removed the Mosaic Law out of the trial.



**First:** We have the AORIST PARTICIPLE.

**Having canceled the IOU**

**Then:** We have the AORIST PARTICIPLE.

**Having nailed it to the cross.**

Both of these actions are co-terminus  
in preceding and allowing for the action of the main verb.  
The debt is canceled when it was nailed to the cross and

**Only at the cross is the debt cancelled.**

**Only at the cross is the IOU removed.**

**Having canceled the IOU and having nailed it (Mosaic Law) to the cross  
God permanently removed the Mosaic Law  
as a legal indebtedness against us.**

**Wow, so I stand here innocent!**

**Well, that is right but that is not all there is at issue:**

***Are you perfectly righteous?***

Oh no, you got there, no, I am not righteous. So how can I be  
righteous before the perfectly righteous God?

Thank you, now you are where God wants you to be. His  
gracious, loving answer: **simply believe in my son as your Savior.**

**You mean all I have to do is simple Faith in JESUS CHRIST  
as my Savior and I can be Righteous  
and Saved **Forever?****

**That is all you have to do!**

**Believe on the LORD JESUS CHRIST and  
you will be saved for all eternity...**

**a totally non-meritorious Faith because all the work  
has been accomplished by JESUS CHRIST.**

**Now this trial that we have been looking at  
not only involves human beings  
but it thrust us right into the **ANGELIC CONFLICT**  
coming up!**

# He Made Me Free

Words from an album

music by James Webb

## VERSE 1



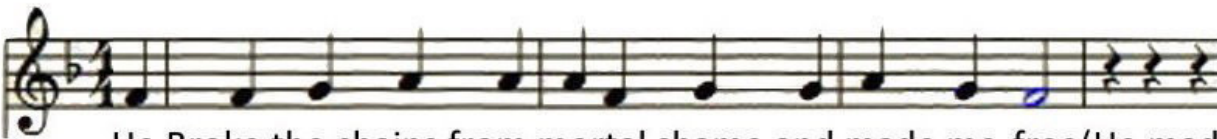
I had drifted for so long with my life so full of wrong



That the Lord should-'ve turned his back on me



But He took the trembling hand of a lost and lonely man

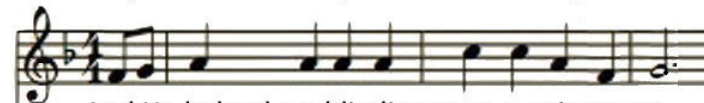


He Broke the chains from mortal shame and made me free (He made me free)

## CHORUS 1



Yes, He took away the sin from my soul where it had been



And He helped my blinding eyes a-gain to see



Oh-yes-and now I un-der-stand the-beau-ty of sal-va-tion's plan



Christ on the cross He paid the cost and made me free. ( He Made Me Free )

{ Christ on  
the cross }

{ He paid  
the cost }

**VERSE 2**



I had sunk so deep in shame ne-ver calling on His name



All the joys of life had turned to mi - ser - y

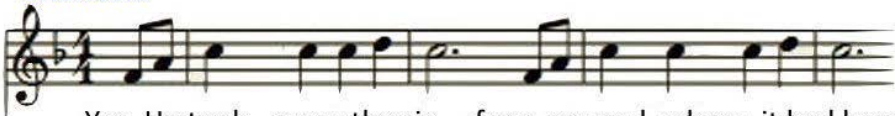


But then He gave me back con-trol of my lost and wandering soul



Re-moved the fears, and dried my tears and made me free ( He Made Me Free )

**CHORUS 2**



Yes, He took away the sin from my soul where it had been



And He gave me back the faith that I might see



Now, I'm so glad I un - der - stand the pro-mise of sal - va - tions plan



Christ on the cross He bore the loss and made me free. ( He Made Me Free )

{ Christ on  
the cross }

{ He bore  
the loss }

**I had drifted for so long with my life so full of wrong  
That the Lord should-have turned his back on me  
But He took the trembling hand of a lost and lonely man  
He Broke the chains from mortal shame and made me free (He made  
me free.)**

Yes, He took away the sin from my soul where it had been  
And He helped my blinding eyes again to see  
Oh yes, and now I understand the beauty of salvation's plan  
Christ on the cross He paid the cost and made me free. (He made  
me free.)

(REPEAT )

(REPEAT)

I had sunk so deep in shame never calling on His name  
All the joys of life had turned to misery  
But then He gave me back control of my lost and wandering soul  
Re-moved the fears, and dried my tears and made me free. (He made me  
free.)

Yes, He took away the sin that had stained me deep within  
And He gave me back the faith that I might see  
Now, I'm so glad I understand the promise of salvations plan  
Christ on the cross (the cross) He bore the loss (the lose) And made me  
free.

(He made me free...) (REPEAT )

(REPEAT)