With (or Without) Him

Colossians 2:11-15 (ESV)

**11**In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ,**12**having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. **13**And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, **14**by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. **15**He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

**Everyone’s natural condition WITHOUT Him:**

* + You are/were dead & in debt (13a, 14a)
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**Believers’ supernatural assimilation WITH Him:**

* + Jesus’ death & resurrection gave you a truly new identity: set apart to God, through faith (11-12)
  + Jesus’ atonement obliterated your debt (13b-14)

1. **Corinthians 5:15,17**

[Christ] died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for Him who for their sake died and was raised … Therefore, if anyone is **in Christ**, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

* + Jesus’ victory defeated your spiritual enemies (15)

Are you WITH or WITHOUT Him?