**Because of the Cross**

Colossians 2:13-15

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… by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This He set aside, nailing it to the cross.

**Hebrews 10:3-4 (ESV)**  
But in these sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year. For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

**Hebrews 9:26 (ESV)**  
But as it is, He has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.

1. **Because of the cross, God has conquered our adversary.**

**Colossians 2:15 (ESV)**  
He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in Him.

**Hebrews 2:14b (ESV)**  
… that through death He might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil.