

Colossians Series

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A landscape photograph showing a field of dry grass in the foreground, a line of trees in the middle ground, and a range of mountains in the background under a clear sky. The text is overlaid on the image.

COLOSSIANS: Jesus Christ is All-Sufficient

**Baptism of the Holy Spirit;
Regeneration; Forgiveness**

Colossians 2:12–14

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The Warning: Don't be Plundered by Deceitful Ideas

Col. 2:8, “Beware lest anyone plunder your spiritual wealth through false, empty philosophies of life, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of Satan’s world system, and not according to Christ.” [Paraphrase]

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ἀπλότης (*haplotēs*),

“single-minded focus toward [*eis*] Christ”

*** “and purity” is most likely not in the original**

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2 Cor. 11:4, “For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or if you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted—you may well put up with it!”

2 Cor. 11:14, “And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.

2 Cor. 11:15, “Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.”

Christ has ALL the Divine Resources; So do we!

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Col. 2:3b, “and [moving toward] to all riches of the conviction from understanding, [moving toward] to the knowledge [ἐπίγνωσις epígnōsis] of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ,”

At Salvation the POWER of the sin nature is broken!

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Physical circumcision → circumcision of the heart

Heart circumcision → baptism HS

Deut. 10:16, “Therefore circumcise the foreskin of your heart, and be stiff-necked no longer.”

Deut. 30:6, “And the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.”

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**περιτέμνω peritémnō;
Aor pass ind; 2P
circumcise**

**ἐν τῇ ἀπεκδύσει
en ti apekdusei
by putting off, stripping off;
or removing something**

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THREE STAGES OF SALVATION

**PHASE
ONE**

Justification

**PHASE
TWO**

**Spiritual
Life**

**PHASE
THREE**

Glorification

**Positional
Sanctification**

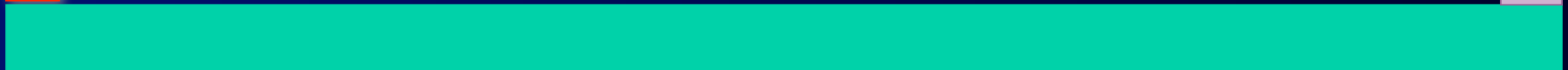
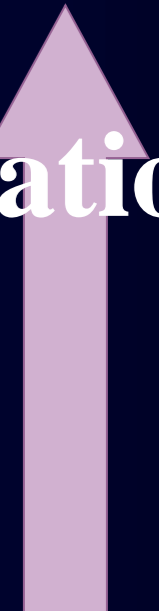
**Freed from
Penalty of Sin**

**Progressive
Sanctification**

**Freed from
Power of Sin**

**Ultimate
Sanctification**

**Freed from
Presence of Sin**



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Aorist passive

modify, by By being buried with Him in [spiritual] baptism.

The main

This answers the question HOW are they circumcised?

Rom. 6:3, “Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized [identified with] into Christ Jesus were baptized [identified] into His death?”

Rom. 6:4, “Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.”

**συνθάπτω *suntháptō*;
“to bury”**

Rom. 6:5, “For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection,

Rom. 6:6, “knowing this, that our old man [sin nature] was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.

Rom. 6:7, “For he who has died has been freed from sin [the power of the sin nature].”

Gal. 5:24, “And those who are Christ’s have crucified the flesh [sin nature] with its passions and desires.”

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ETERNAL REALITIES

TEMPORAL REALITIES

“POSITIONAL TRUTH”

ACTS 16:31



IN CHRIST

Baptism by the
Holy Spirit

FILLED BY
THE
HOLY SPIRIT

“Walking by the
Holy Spirit”

**“In Him [no ‘and’] you were baptized [at faith in Christ]
[when] you were buried with Him in baptism
in [by] which you were raised together with Him**

13

**“And you being dead [when you were dead]
in your trespasses and uncircumcision of the
flesh**

**He made you alive together with Him [main verb Aor]
[by, or when or because] He forgave you all
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**ὄντως – present active participle of *eimi*, to be, to exist
no article, adverbial modifying “has made alive”**

Pres ptcp is at the same time as the action of the verb

Temporal: When you were dead in your trespasses ...

Concessive: Though you were dead in your trespasses ...

Our status was DEAD—not physically, but spiritually