

Colossians 2:11-15

Union with Christ

The Pictures of Salvation (vv. 11-12)

The Freedom in Salvation (vv. 13-14)

The Victory in Salvation (v. 15)

Application of Colossians 2:11-15

1. How would you explain circumcision in this passage as being a spiritual reality, not physical act? Look up verses that discuss spiritual circumcision in both the OT and NT (e.g. Lev 26:41-42; Deut 10:16; 30:6; Jer 4:3-4; Ezek 44:6-9; Acts 7:51; Rom 2:25-29)
2. Is the reference to baptism in v. 12 a spiritual baptism at salvation or water baptism after salvation? Why?
3. How does v. 12 describe the symbolism of water baptism? What method of baptism best pictures this spiritual reality?
4. Think about/discuss the elements of union with Christ in this passage as Paul describes 'being circumcised in Him, having been buried with Him, raised with Him, made alive with Him.' What is the significance of being united with Christ?
5. Study the doctrine of "total depravity" (e.g. Gen 6:5; Ps 51:5; Rom 3:10-18; 8:7-8; Eph 2:1-3; Col 1:21; Titus 1:15; 3:3) and consider how desperately wicked you once were and undeserving of salvation, as a foundation for greater understanding of what God has done in salvation
6. Meditate on the word "all" as in '**ALL** our sins have been forgiven.' You may also want to further study the forgiveness of sin in the OT and NT (e.g. see Pss 32:1; 86:5; 130:3-4; Is 1:18; 55:7; Mic 7:18; Matt 26:28; Acts 10:43; 13:38-39; 26:18; Eph 1:7; 4:32; Heb 8:12). Respond in prayer and praise to God
7. Reflect upon the significance of the cross and the salvation obtained for you by Jesus on the cross.
8. Read Heb 2:14-15 (see also John 12:31; 1 Cor 15:54-57) and consider the victory over the power of sin and death that has been won through Christ's death and resurrection. In what way can you apply this truth to your life?

Reading this week: Read through Col 2:8-15

Sermon Notes for Children (or Children at Heart)

Date _____

Pastor _____

<u>Book</u>	<u>Sermon Main Points</u>	<u>Other Bible References:</u>
	The P _____ of _____ (vv. 11-12)	_____
<u>Chapter</u>	1. C _____	_____
	2. B _____	_____
	The F _____ in _____ (vv. 13-__)	_____
<u>Verses</u>		_____
	The V _____ in _____ (v. _____)	_____

Words you heard during the sermon (tally each time)

God/Father	Christ/Jesus/Lord	Paul	Salvation	Sin	Spiritual

What is the message about? _____

How can you do this? _____

What/who can you pray for? _____

Draw a picture related to the message: