

Colossians 2:11-13 The Operation of God

1. Ye are complete in Him (Review)

- a. Christ is the fulness of the Godhead bodily. You are in Him. (Col 2:9)
- b. In Adam we lack, sin separates from God. In Adam we are alienated from the life of God. (Eph 4:17-18)
- c. Every member (ye, you all) of the body is complete (no deficiency, finished) in Him. This is because Christ himself lacks nothing. (Col 1:17)
- d. He is the head of all. The body, principality, and power. (Col 1:18, 2:10)

2. Putting off the body of the sins of the flesh. • Colossians 2:11

- a. Notice the colon :. This is describing your complete position.
- b. Circumcision: cut around, put off, separation.
- c. This is **not** physical circumcision, **nor** circumcision required by covenant. A seal/token and sign of a separation unto God. (Gen 17:9-12)
- d. It is also not the inward circumcision of the heart according to the law (OT nor NT). (Deu 10:16, Deu 30:6, Jer 4:4, Rom 2:25-29)
- e. This is circumcision **in Him**, a spiritual circumcision as a member of the body of Christ, else it would not avail. (Gal 6:13-15, Rom 4:12)
- f. Unsaved, you were uncircumcised from the body of the sins of the flesh. But you are now quickened with Christ by grace through faith. (Eph 2:1-5, Col 2:13)

3. Buried with him in baptism • Colossians 2:12-13

- a. The **circumcision of Christ** is identification with (or baptism into) Christ's death, burial, and resurrection (Romans 6:3-6)
- b. The only way to be dead (cut off, separated) to sin, free from sin, no longer under its dominion is to be crucified with Christ. (Romans 6:7, Gal 6:14)
- c. The operation of God: Your death and resurrection in Christ. (Gal 2:20, Rom 8:8-11)
- d. Reckon, count it true, that you are dead indeed unto sin. (Rom 6:11)
- e. Once dead (by God's operation), you can serve God and walk in newness of life. (Rom 6:4)
- f. Reminder: This does not mean that you will not struggle with sin while living this life, rather this is the answer of how to deal with it when you do. Who does God say that you are?
- g. The body is not one member. We've all been baptized into His body. **Ye** are complete. (1 Cor 12:12-14)