

## Colossians - Chapter 2

### “A Baptism Without Water”

### Colossians 2:12-13

#### Verse 12

1. Some religions teach that something mystical happens when the physical water of baptism is applied, and the recipient gains special grace and \_\_\_\_\_ from God.
2. Paul reveals an incredible truth that dispels this error. He revealed that the believer in Christ is **already** baptized! Not a physical baptism into \_\_\_\_\_ by a man, but a spiritual baptism into \_\_\_\_\_ that is performed by the operation of God Himself.
3. When a person trusts Christ today, the Holy Spirit immediately baptizes that person into the body of Christ and identifies that person \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ's finished work. cf. 1 Corinthians 12:13
4. In the Bible, the word “baptism” speaks of identification. At the moment of salvation, we are so definitely identified in Christ that what is true of Him becomes \_\_\_\_\_ of us. Romans 6:3-8; 2 Corinthians 5:17, 21

#### Verse 13

1. This verse demonstrates our identity BC (\_\_\_\_\_ Christ), and our identity since we have been circumcised and baptized by God's Spirit.
2. Before Christ, God saw us as \_\_\_\_\_ in our sins and in bondage to the law of sin in our flesh.
3. But, since we have believed on Christ, we are now identified in His resurrection. We have been quickened (made \_\_\_\_\_) with Him.
4. Sin was put away at the cross and we \_\_\_\_\_ in Him. This means that when we rose with Him, we were forgiven **all** trespasses.
5. In Christ I have total and complete forgiveness as a \_\_\_\_\_ possession.
  - *“In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins.”* **Colossians 1:14**