

## Colossians - Chapter 2

### “The Circumcision of Christ”

### Colossians 2:9-11

#### Verse 9-10

1. In Christ dwells \_\_\_\_\_ divinity, bodily (physically). Jesus Christ is the physical manifestation of God. When Christ was born in Bethlehem, He was God incarnate.
2. Paul says, “Why look anywhere else, other than to Christ?”
  - In Him dwells “\_\_\_\_\_ *the fulness of the Godhead bodily.*” vs. 9
  - He is the Head of \_\_\_\_\_ principality and power. vs. 10; cf. Ephesians 1:20-21
3. Based on this, Paul says to these believers, “*And ye are complete in Him.*”
4. All divine fullness dwells in Christ, and we are in Christ! We \_\_\_\_\_ in that fullness.
  - This is why true spiritual growth is not adding something externally to our Christian lives. Growth happens from the inside, out. We grow to understand the fullness of what we already have in Christ, and \_\_\_\_\_ from those spiritual resources.
5. Religions will never teach you this. Why? They desire to keep you in \_\_\_\_\_. Galatians 2:4
6. What is the answer? Galatians 5:1, “*Stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.*”

#### Verse 11

1. There was a religious group that was emphasizing the importance of keeping the Old Testament \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Circumcision was the sign of God's covenant relationship with Israel, and eventually came to represent the law of Moses. Genesis 17:11; Leviticus 12:3; Joshua 5:3-7; Romans 4:11

3. Paul reveals to these Colossian believers that they have already **been** circumcised in Christ! It isn't a physical circumcision (of the flesh), but a \_\_\_\_\_ circumcision (in the spirit) made without hands by God's Spirit.
4. Before salvation, our spirit was \_\_\_\_\_ in sins. Our spirit was in bondage to the law of sin that operates in our flesh, because our spirit was devoid of the life of God.
5. But when we trusted Christ, the Spirit of Christ entered into our spirit and quickened us. We received the resurrection \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.  
Romans 8:9-11
6. A spiritual operation of God took place whereby the law of sin in your flesh was cut off from your spirit (where God now dwells). Your spirit has been set \_\_\_\_\_ by the Spirit of Christ. Paul calls this "*the circumcision of Christ.*"
7. The \_\_\_\_\_ is no longer our identity. God circumcised that fleshly body of sin and death, and now we're free to have Christ live His life through us.