

Accept No Substitutes

It's Nailed to the Cross

1. Spiritual circumcision is accomplished through the sacrifice of Christ (v. 11). What does Christ's sacrifice accomplish in us?

 2. What does a Christian's water immersion symbolize? How do Colossians 2:12 and II Corinthians 5:17 relate?

 3. Discuss how your water baptism affected you spiritually.

 4. How would you describe something that is "dead"? Apply this to being "spiritually" dead (v. 13).

 5. When we trust the reality of Christ's death for us and accept His forgiveness, what three or four things happen to make us spiritually "alive" (v. 13,14)?

 6. What does it mean to you to have your sins "wiped out," "washed away" or "nailed to the cross"?

 7. Verse 15 highlights Christ's power over demonic forces. How was this a "public spectacle"?
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Colossians 2:11-15

¹¹In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹²buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. ¹³And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, ¹⁴having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And he has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. ¹⁵Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

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Monday

When did God first “cut away” the sin of your life (through salvation)? Describe the experience.

Tuesday

Have you ever been “baptized with Him” as public testimony to your new life in Christ? If not, when will you take this important step in your Christian walk?

Wednesday

The next important phase of growth in Christ is to unite with a body of believers for accountability and service. Have you done this yet?

Thursday

Think of what it was like when you were spiritually “dead.” How have you changed?

Friday

Being alive in Christ is a great privilege. Pray your own prayer of thankfulness...

Saturday

“LORD, we are alive in You, and we thank You! You are worthy of endless love, praise and thanksgiving. We give You that now and will throughout eternity.”
