

COLOSSIANS – 2:11-12

“Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.”

- Colossians 2:12

1. The Covenant of Circumcision

- a. Circumcision was used in a covenant – Genesis 17:7-14
- b. You were not, and are not, a part of this covenant – Eph 2:11-12
- c. It was supposed to reflect an inward submission – Deut 10:16
- d. It didn't: Israel was uncircumcised in heart – Acts 7:51, Rom 2:26-29
- e. The gospel of the circumcision was covenantal – Gal 2:7, 1 Pet 1:2,12

2. 2:11 – Circumcision Without Hands

- a. Your circumcision is in Christ (not Luke 2:21-24) – 2:11, Gal 5:2-3
- b. This circumcision is NOT physical – Gal 5:6, 6:12-15
- c. You are separated from the body of the sins – Rom 6:6-7, 7:23-24, Col 3:9-10
- d. If the Spirit of God be in you... mortify – Rom 8:1-9, 13
- e. It is something you have now – Eph 1:13, 1 Cor 12:13

3. 2:12 – The Operation of God

- a. Buried = dead; you died with him in baptism – Matt 3:13-17 or Luke 12:50
- b. The Lord was “cut off” from the living – Dan 9:22, Isa 53:8
- c. You are also dead - Rom 6:3-5, Gal 2:19-20
- d. The operation of God → your death and resurrection – Rom 6:5,8-11
- e. God, who? – Gal 1:1, Rom 8:11, John 2:19; God lives in you
- f. You have a position in Christ...freely! – Eph 5:30
- g. In whom, in him, with him → 2:3, 2:7, 2:9, 2:10, 2:11, 2:12, 2:13