



MESSAGE/SERIES:

Message: “Our Independence Day”

DATE: 7/3/22

SCRIPTURE FOR THIS WEEK:

(These verses will help you understand themes within as you read our core text as scripture proves scripture)

Colossians 2:11-23, 1 Corinthians 3:1, Ephesians 2:6, Galatians 4:3, 9, 1 Corinthians 2:8, Hebrews 2:8, Romans 8:21, 38, Romans 5:12-21, 2 Corinthians 10:4-5

COLOSSIANS 2:11-23

I. CONQUERING SIN & SIN NATURE (v11-14) (Romans 6:11-14)

“¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, **by the circumcision of Christ**, ¹²having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also **raised with him through faith** in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, **God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses**, ¹⁴by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, **nailing it to the cross.**”

- **Colossians 2:11-14**

- “New Circumcision” Freedom sets us apart or differentiates

- Means- We are set apart by Christ from the world by the death of Christ
 - Spiritual Baptism at the moment we surrender to Jesus as Savior & Lord
 - Symbol of Baptism which is our public profession of faith
- Purpose- We are set apart by Christ to live for the Lord through the Power of the Lord
 - *So that people may know we are Followers of Christ*
 - *So that people may know we are free*
 - *So that people may know that we are free and willfully serve Jesus as Lord*

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- (v13-14) We are set apart from our past sins
 - *Jesus has canceled all our debt that was associated with the body of Sin and the past life*
 - *The laws “legal demands” God’s wrath was satisfied for all who would believe in Jesus and identify with Him in His death*
 - **“He set aside, nailing it to the cross”**- my past life was left at the cross and cannot follow me in God’s eyes
- **Romans 6:9-14**
 - Freedom to truly live “in Christ” (Romans 6:10-11)
 - (Romans 6:11) **“Alive to God in Christ”**- to truly live means to live
 - *Live Life knowing we are truly alive and no longer on death row*
 - (Romans 6:10) We are able to **“live to God”** as Jesus does-
 - *We are able to please God in Christ*
 - *We have been granted abundant Spiritual Life*
 - *Resurrection Life (power of the resurrected Lord lives in us)*
 - *The same power that rose Jesus from the dead lives in us*

II. CONQUERING SATAN & SPIRITUAL POWERS (v15)

¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

- **Colossians 2:15**
 - Freedom over Satan’s power to subject us to His will
 - The Devil Cannot make me do anything
 - Freedom from cosmic forces of evil to control
 - Hebrews 2:8- Everything is not yet in full subjection to Jesus as King, but Redemptions end will be all thing in subjection to Jesus as Lord of all
 - (Romans 8:19-21) Creation is still under the temporary influence of Satan - Creation awaits Christ’s return to be set free (Full redemption is coming of all things ending in New heaven and new earth)

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¹⁶ Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. ¹⁷ These are a shadow of the things to come, but **the substance belongs to Christ**. ¹⁸ Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, ¹⁹ and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

III. CONQUERING SELF-RIGHTIOUSNESS & RELIGION (v20-23)

²⁰ If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits (forces) of the world, why, as if you were still alive in the world, do you submit to regulations— ²¹ “Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch” ²² (referring to things that all perish as they are used)—according to human precepts and teachings? ²³ **These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-made religion** and asceticism and severity to the body, but they are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh.

- **Colossians 2:20a**
 - **“Elemental Spirits of the world”**
 - Freedom in Christ reveals
 - Freedom **from Jewish regulations** (that went beyond God’s law/ie food laws)
 - Freedom from false teachings (today legalism in its many forms)
 - The **world rulers plan**: “philosophy and vain deceit”; these were presented as superior to faith in Christ¹
 - **2 Corinthians 10:4-5** (As followers of Christ our eyes are opened and we are able) to tear down strongholds & “We destroy arguments and *every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God*, and take every thought captive to obey Christ²”
 - Freedom in Christ represents power over man’s ways of reasoning (Religion included) that are anchored in Satan’s deception

¹ W. E. Vine, Merrill F. Unger, and William White Jr., *Vine’s Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words* (Nashville, TN: T. Nelson, 1996), 196.

² *The Holy Bible: English Standard Version* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), 2 Co 10:5. *The Holy Bible: English Standard Version* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016).