

Opening Question

Can you remember your salvation experience? What took place when you embraced Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour?

Read Together

Colossians 2:11-15

Big Idea

Sometimes we need to be reminded of what took place when we were saved.

Discussion Questions

1. Read verse 11. Circumcision in the Old Testament referred to the physical cutting away of the flesh as a sign of the Jewish peoples' covenant with God. Read the following verses alongside of Colossians 2:11 and see if you can identify what circumcision means in the New Testament: Romans 2:28-29; Galatians 5:6 and Philippians 3:2-3.
2. Read verse 12. What does Paul mean by being "buried with Christ when you were baptized?" Look at Romans 6:3-5 for more help.
3. What parallels do you see between circumcision and baptism?
4. Read verses 13 and 14. What does it mean to you that God forgave all your sins and cancelled the record of charges against you by nailing it to the cross?
5. How much of your sin has God forgiven?
6. In what way did Christ "disarm" the rulers and authorities and "put them to open shame?" How does this truth strengthen you in your daily walk with Christ?
7. Look back over verses 11-15 one more time. Name everything that God has done for us according to these verses.

Challenge

This week commit to looking for ways that your salvation – the fact that you have been saved – affects the way you live everyday. For example, when you have an opportunity to be dishonest this week and sense that is not the right thing to do and choose honesty instead, that is because you belong to God and His Holy Spirit spoke to you in that moment of temptation. When that happens, stop and thank God for that.

Prayer

Read Psalm 103:1-14. Then take some time to thank God for everything that happened to you when you were saved. Don't hurry; linger in prayer together to pray well.

