

**“Identity in Christ”**  
Colossians 2:8-15

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**<sup>8</sup> See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup> For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily...**

**Colossians 2:8-9 English Standard Version**

**<sup>10</sup> ... and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. <sup>11</sup> In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ ...**

**Colossians 2:10-11ESV**

- **Circumcision in Jewish Tradition:**

- **External Sign of Belonging to God’s People and being Set Apart from Others**

**Genesis 17:10-14 ESV**

- **Identity Reminder #1:**

- I AM DEFINED BY CHRIST’S WORK **INSIDE** OF ME ... NOT BY MY OWN OUTWARD OBEDIENCE

**<sup>12</sup> ... having 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.**

**Colossians 2:12 ESV**

**<sup>13</sup> And 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, <sup>14</sup> by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup> He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.**

**Colossians 2:13-15**

**Identity Reminder #2:**

- IN CHRIST, I AM DEFINED BY JESUS' OBEDIENCE AT THE CROSS... NOT BY MY DISOBEDIENCE IN LIFE

**Big Take Away:**

- When we are found in Christ, obedience and disobedience no longer define us... Instead, Christ invites us to find new life in Him. His life, death, and resurrection graciously become our identity!