

## Sermon Series: Colossians

Sermon Text: Colossians 2:11-14 With Christ in Baptism

In baptism you were showered with Christ and all His saving benefits.

- **“Baptism” is a Christ-ordained means of grace, not a human invention or bare symbol.**

### 1) In baptism you were circumcised with Christ.

- a) “without a hand”—Divine operation (Deut 10:16; 30:6; Jer. 4:4)
- b) “by the stripping off of the body of the flesh”—cf. Josh. 5:8-9; Col. 3:9, “you stripped off the old man with its practices”
- c) “by the circumcision of the Christ”—cf. Phil 3:3 “we are the circumcision”
  - i) Christ’s obedience to the Law
  - ii) Christ’s identity as the Seed of Abraham
  - iii) Christ’s death to sin (cf. Rom. 6:3-4, 10; 8:3)
- d) **Application:** We do not rely on extrabiblical measures for godly living (2:20-23), but on the Divine work of inner change that works out in tangible ways.

### 2) In baptism you were buried with Christ.

- a) “when you were buried with Him in baptism”
- b) Apostolic witness to Christ’s burial, its circumstances and significance
- c) **Application:**
  - i) There is a “you” that is meant to stay buried (Rom. 6:6, 11).
  - ii) Sin is mortified by the Spirit, not by the flesh.

### 3) In baptism you were raised with Christ.

- a) “in whom also you were raised”—eschatological life; new life; resurrection life; the life of the age of the resurrection which has invaded the present age through the resurrection of Christ and the gift of the Spirit
- b) “through the faith[fulness] of the power of God which raised Him from the dead”—God’s power at work in you (cf. 2:9-10)
- c) “He made you alive with Him”
- d) **Application:**
  - i) Not “zombie” Christianity
  - ii) Not “marionette” Christianity
  - iii) Filled in Him in whom the fullness of the Deity dwells bodily Christianity; the power which raised Him from the dead!
  - iv) Communion with God in Christ is both the means and goal of Christian living.

**Doxology:** And my God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen. (Philippians 4:19-20)