



Fullness in Christ!

June 18, 2023 – Col. 2:11-15

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Working Through the Passage:

11 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,

12 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.

13 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, 14 by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

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

So what does it mean to be filled in the Fullness of Christ

1. We **belong** to Christ!
2. We are **alive** in Christ!
3. We are **forgiven** in Christ!
4. We are **free** in Christ!

Discussion Questions:

1. The church of Colossae was being influenced by some to adopt a philosophy that was not based on Christ and certainly tempting them to find fullness in human traditions and worldly principles rather than on Christ. What does that look like for the church today?
2. While this is a warning against being held captive by empty philosophies, it is an exhortation to believe and therefore act on the believe that Christ is the central figure behind a Biblical philosophy. What are some specific ways Jesus should impact the life of the believer? How is He impacting every aspect of your life?
3. In what ways do you struggle with Christ's forgiveness in your life? What is the lie behind your thinking? What is the truth?
4. In what ways is the truth that Jesus disarmed our spiritual enemies an encouragement to you?
5. What action are you going to take as a result of what God's Word teaches?

Next Steps:

1. If you would like to become a follower of Jesus, please let us know. Pastor Jon will be in the room behind the Welcome Center after the service.
2. If you are interested in baptism, let Pastor Jon know in person or email him at pj@fbclowell.org.
3. Read the Bible with us to know God and respond to Him! Below is our current schedule.

June 2023			
(Two Year Reading Plan, Month 18)			
Week 1 Starting June 5	Week 2 Starting June 12	Week 3 Starting June 19	Week 4 Starting June 26
Day 1: Job 20-22	Day 1: Job 37-39	Day 1: Proverbs 10-12	Day 1: Proverbs 25-26
Day 2: Job 23-27	Day 2: Job 40-42	Day 2: Proverbs 13:1-15:29	Day 2: Proverbs 27-29
Day 3: Job 28-30	Day 3: Proverbs 1-3	Day 3: Proverbs 15:30-19:22	Day 3: Proverbs 30-31
Day 4: Job 31-33	Day 4: Proverbs 4-6	Day 4: Proverbs 19:23-22:16	Day 4: Ecclesiastes 1-3
Day 5: Job 34-36	Day 5: Proverbs 7-9	Day 5: Proverbs 22:17-24:34	Day 5: Ecclesiastes 4-7
<p>¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹² training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, ¹³ waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Titus 2:11-14 (ESV)</p>			

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