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Col 2:11-13

- **12 having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. 13 When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions, NASU**



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Colossians 1:10



**“Increasing in the
knowledge of God”**



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A Study of the Book of Colossians

Outline of Colossians

- **Greetings: (1:1-2)**
- **Doctrinal Section (ch. 1-2): Christ (Who)**
 - Prayer for the Colossians (1:3-12) ←
 - Praise for Christ (1:13-23) ←
 - Paul's Ministry (1:24-2:5) ←
 - Possibility of Apostasy (2:6-23) ←
- **Practical Section (ch. 3-4): Christian (What)**
 - New View: Things Above (3:1-11)
 - New Clothing: Holiness (3:12-17)
 - In the Family (3:18-4:4)
 - In the World (4:5-9)
- **Parting Thoughts: (4:10-18)**



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Colossians 2:6-23



**Look Out for
Pirates**

Stolen Freedom

- Col 2:6-7
- 6 Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so **walk in Him**, 7 having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, and **overflowing with gratitude**.
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- **King, Rescuer, Redeemer, Forgiver**
- **Image of God, Firstborn over creation, Creator, Head (Church)**
- **VS. 3: “In whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom & knowledge”**

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- **Walk**
- **Rooted**
- **Built up**
- **Established**
- **Instructed**
- *Overflowing with Gratitude*

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- **Thomas Schreiner adds,**
“According to J. J. Gunther, scholars have made 44 different identifications of the opponents in Colossae” (43).

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- **1) Mixture of Jewish, pagan, Christian elements.**
 - **2) Emphasis was placed on the spiritual powers of the universe, including angels (Col. 2.18-20).**
 - **3) Christ's supremacy and the completeness of his redemption were undermined (Col. 1.15-19).**
 - **4) Possibly, Hellenistic philosophy (Col. 2.8).**
 - **5) Judaism bound on Christians (Col. 2.16).**
 - **6) Asceticism was promoted (Col. 2.21-23).**
- (Guthrie, 546-50, E. Harrison 324-25, Bruce 14)**

GRACE BANDITS

- **Sufficient and Supreme**
- **Shadow and Substance**
- **Self-Abasement and Severity**

Supreme and Sufficient

Col 2:9-12

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9 For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form, 10 and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority; 11 and in Him you were also **circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ; 12 having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. (cf. Eph. 2:5-10; Rom. 6:3-4)**

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• **Gen 17:9-12** 9 God said further to Abraham, "Now as for you, you shall keep My covenant, you and your descendants after you throughout their generations. 10 "This is My covenant, which you shall keep, between Me and you and your descendants after you: every male among you shall be circumcised. 11 "And you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskin, and it shall be the sign of the covenant between Me and you. 12 "And every male among you who is eight days old shall be circumcised throughout your generations, a servant who is born in the house or who is bought with money from any foreigner, who is not of your descendants.

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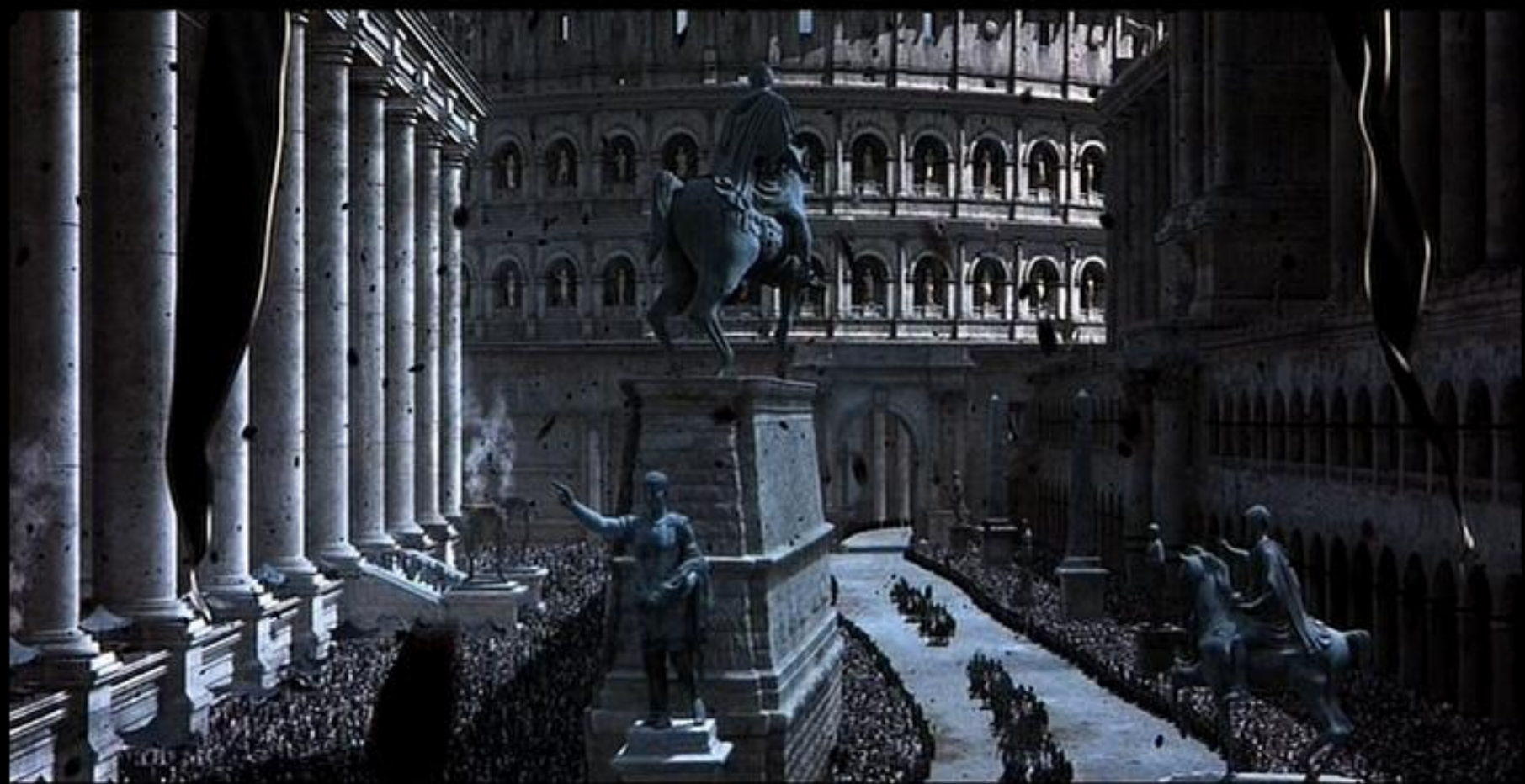
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- **Circumcision: Babies, male, servants, by birth (no faith), etc.**
- **Baptism is not like circumcision in every way (remove sin instead of skin)**
- **May have Jewish opponents**
- **Is saying they do not need Jewish circumcision, are already circumcised**

Supreme and Sufficient

Col 2:13-15

13 When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He **made you alive together with Him, having **forgiven** us all our transgressions, 14 having **canceled out the certificate of debt** consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. 15 When He had **disarmed the rulers and authorities**, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him.**





Shadow and Substance

- Col 2:16-19

- 16 Therefore no one is to act as your judge in regard to food or drink or in respect to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath day — 17 things which are a mere shadow of what is to come; but the substance belongs to Christ. 18 Let no one keep defrauding you of your prize by delighting in self-abasement and the worship of the angels, taking his stand on visions he has seen, inflated without cause by his fleshly mind, 19 and not holding fast to the head, from whom the entire body, being supplied and held together by the joints and ligaments, grows with a growth which is from God. NASU

- **Heb 10:1**
- **1 For the Law, since it has only a shadow of the good things to come and not the very form of things, can never, by the same sacrifices which they offer continually year by year, make perfect those who draw near.**
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- **Gal 4:9-11**
- **9 But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how is it that you turn back again to the weak and worthless elemental things, to which you desire to be enslaved all over again?**
- **10 You observe days and months and seasons and years.**
- **11 I fear for you, that perhaps I have labored over you in vain.**
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- **“Elementary Principles”:**
 - **Elements of learning**
 - **Physical elements of the world**
 - **Stars and other heavenly bodies**
 - **Elemental Spirits/supernatural powers**
 - **“Basic principles of the world”***
 - **“Elemental spirits of the world”**

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- **If you died to the world in Christ,**
- **Why do you follow rules of the world and men?**
- **Why worship things of the world?**
- **Why worship Angels instead of Christ?**
- **These rules seem wise and humble**
- **They are actually foolish and prideful**

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- **In more recent times people have promoted celibacy, refusing to talk, and whipping oneself**
- **Paul's is saying that Christ is supreme/sufficient**
- **We need to do what he says instead of listening to man-made regulations**



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Paul's Point

- **Since you are “in Christ”**
- **Walk in Christ**
- **Don't let anyone lead you from Christ**



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