**Colossians Chapter 2 Part 2**

**Colossians 2:6** As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, *so* walk ye in him:

It should stand to reason that if we desired Christ Jesus as our Lord, we would also walk in him. To do this, we must approach our walk in the same way we received him - submissive, repentant, and unashamed.

**Colossians 2:7** Rooted and built up **in him**, and stablished **in the faith**, as ye **have been taught**, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

Verse 8 warns us about being rooted in things other than “in him” and “in the faith”. We are to be stablished by faithful teaching. Although we don’t reverence men, we learn from faithful brethren (men 2 Tim. 2:2) (women Tit. 2:4).

**Colossians 2:8 Beware** lest any man spoil you (*take from you*) through **philosophy** (*love of wisdom*) and **vain deceit** (*self deception*), after the **tradition of men** (*religion*), after the **rudiments of the world** (*instincts of the old man*), and not after Christ. **Vs.9** For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. **Vs.10** And **ye are complete in him**, which is the head of all principality and power:

BEWARE of philosophy and vain deceit. **Webster:** **Philosophy** - *Literally, the love of wisdom. But in modern acceptation, philosophy is a general term denoting an explanation of the reasons of things – “I believe or I think…”*. The bible says it is “after men” and “of the world”. Philosophy is prevalent in public education, psychiatry, politics, and even in churches. The world prides themselves in being **opened minded** and mocks the **narrow minded**, bigoted Christian (Prov. 26:12). Philosophies aren’t black and white. Everything is a matter of opinion or viewpoint. Ps. 19:7 “…the testimony of the Lord is sure…”. Acts 17:18 reveals an encounter between Paul and some philosophers.

**Jesus** **= opposite** of philosophy, vain deceit, traditions of men, rudiments of the world!\*\*\*

**Vs.8** “…and not after Christ.” We are ought to be “rooted and built up in him”. **Vs.10** “Ye are complete in him…” Your life is complete in Jesus. You need not search any further.

**Colossians 2:11** In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision **made without hands**, in **putting off the body of the sins of the flesh** by the **circumcision of Christ**:

* Your spiritual soul is stuck to your literal, fleshy body when you are born. Being born “dead in trespasses and sins” (Eph. 2:1–5), you are “joined” to your flesh (Rom. 7:5).
* Before Adam fell, the soul was loose. Even if it had been joined to “the flesh,” it would have mattered little, for Adam’s flesh was sinless until the fall. When Adam’s spirit died, the soul found itself wedded (Rom. 7:1–4) to a body of rotting flesh (Rom. 7:25).
* When the soul is cut loose, it can remarry (Rom. 7:1–4), for it is placed “in the Spirit” (Rom. 8:9–10). The Christian’s spirit has been joined to Christ’s Spirit (1 Cor. 6:17) at the time of the circumcision (John 3:3–6). Therefore, this passage in Col. 2:11–12 is to be taken literally.
* This “operation” (vs. 12) is performed by the knife of God (Heb. 4:12) and is something no O.T. saint ever received.

**Colossians 2:12-13 Buried with him in baptism** (*not water*), wherein also ye are risen with *him* through the faith of the **operation of God**, who hath raised him from the dead. **Vs.13** And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;

Buried with him in baptism is clearly a reference to the baptism of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 12:13) every believer receives upon salvation. Most religions (*even Baptists*) teach that this as water baptism. That is heresy!

**Five things** happen to the child of God when he is saved - **1.** His soul is cut loose from his flesh. **2.** His soul is saved because it has been loosed from its cage. **3.** His spirit is born again and joined to God’s Holy Spirit. **4.** He is justified and adopted by a judicial act of God. **5.** He is baptized into Christ’s spiritual Body by the Holy Spirit.

**Without death**, sins could not be “redeemed” (Heb. 9:15); **without resurrection**, the Holy Spirit could not enter the human body (John 7:39); **without circumcision** from the body, the Holy Spirit would not STAY IN IT (Psa. 51:11–12). **Jesus Christ had to die**, **be buried**, **and rise again** before He could don His surgical gown and enter the operating room where He has been “practicing” ever since.