

► **Outline**

Today's message is based on **Colossians 2:11-15**.

You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for He forgave all our sins.

Colossians 2:13 (NLT)

A. Introduction: Complete in Christ
(Colossians 2:9-10. C/R: Romans 3:23-24;
Ephesians 3:19)

**B. I can be completely _____ with Christ
because I am...**

**1. Completely _____ and raised
to _____ life.**

(Colossians 2:11-12. C/R: Deuteronomy 10:16-17, 30:6;
Romans 6:4-6; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Philippians 3:3)

2. Completely _____.
(Colossians 2:13-14. C/R: Romans 6:10-11;
Ephesians 1:7)

3. Completely _____.
(Colossians 2:15. C/R: John 16:33, 19:30;
Romans 8:37-39, 16:20; 1 John 4:4)

Answers: B. alive 1. renewed, new 2. forgiven 3. victorious

Resource Information: Unless otherwise noted, outline and onscreen verses are from NLT version (New Living Translation) of *The Holy Bible*. C/R, if noted, refers to a 'cross reference' of Scripture verse(s). Today's outline and discussion guide are available to mobile device users through the Brookwood Church app available through your favorite app store.

► Discussion Guide

Use this guide with friends or on your own to pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus. For additional Bible Study tools, guides and devotionals, check out: biblegateway.com, bible.com, youversion.com and blueletterbible.org.

Conversation Starter

Describe a time you felt fully alive.

Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Read [Colossians 2:11-15](#).

1. As you read through this passage, what jumps out at you? List the words or phrases that seem most significant.
2. How would you explain the idea of *spiritual circumcision* ([vs. 11](#)) to someone who is not a follower of Christ? See also: [Galatians 6:14-18](#).
3. What does it mean to be *buried with Christ...* and *raised to new life* ([vs. 12](#))? See also: [Romans 6:1-11](#).
4. Using your own words, define dead in your sins ([vs. 13](#)). See also: [Ephesians 2:1-3](#).
5. What was *nailed to the cross* ([vs. 14](#))? Why is this important?
6. Christ *disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities* ([vs. 15](#)). How should that affect our daily lives?
7. List the things God has done for us according to [Colossians 2:11-15](#).
8. Based on these truths, what lies do you think Paul was addressing? Have you faced similar lies in your own life?

9. How would your life be different if you believed and experienced more fully the victory available in Christ?
10. Press the pause button for a few minutes. Sit quietly with God and ask Him what He wants you to know from this passage of Scripture.

We need never shout across the spaces to an absent God. He is nearer than our own soul, closer than our most secret thoughts.

A.W. Tozer, *The Pursuit of God*

Soul Training

Spend several minutes each day this week reflecting on what it means to be *raised to new life in Christ*. Quiet your heart and ask God to help you experience His renewal, forgiveness and victory.

Memory Verse

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Daily Reading

- Day 1: [Colossians 2:11-15](#) Day 4: [Ezekiel 11:18-21](#)
Day 2: [Galatians 6:14-18](#) Day 5: [1 Peter 3:18-21](#)
Day 3: [Romans 6:1-11](#)

Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, July 22, we'll continue the series *Living Changed Lives*. To prepare for the message, read [Colossians 3:18-21](#).

If you've never experienced God's grace and forgiveness, we'd love the opportunity to talk with you about a life-changing relationship with Jesus. Email mark.taylor@brookwoodchurch.org or call [864.688.8211](tel:864.688.8211).

