

**A Circumcised Heart**  
**Colossians 2:11-15**

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**I. Circumcision. Colossians 2:11**

Circumcision was the cutting off of the flesh as a sign and covenant with the Lord. It also represents the fact that God wants to be Lord of even the most \_\_\_\_\_ parts of my life. **Genesis 17:9-14**

- a. Our \_\_\_\_\_ belong to the Lord. **1 Corinthians 6:19-20**
- b. True circumcision represents the cutting away of the flesh out of our hearts. **Deuteronomy 30:6**
- c. When I am \_\_\_\_\_, He is strong. **2 Corinthians 12:9**
  - The question the council at Jerusalem in **Acts 15** had to answer was, "Is the cross of Christ \_\_\_\_\_ to provide salvation; or is there something else needed?"

*"The Greek word for 'putting off', a double compound, denotes both stripping off and casting away. The imagery is that of discarding – or being divested of – a piece of \_\_\_\_\_ clothing." (Vaughn)*

**II. Baptism. Colossians 2:12**

*"It is so important to keep in mind that no outward \_\_\_\_\_ brings us to Christ-the issue is whether or not we are born again, whether or not we know Christ as Savior." (McGee)*

- A Believer's (water) Baptism is for someone who has placed their faith in the \_\_\_\_\_ work of Jesus Christ to be saved.

**III. Jesus paid the bill. Colossians 2:13-15**

*"Salvation is not the \_\_\_\_\_ of the old nature; it is the impartation of a new nature!" (McGee)*

- *"We have experienced the energy of God through faith in Christ, so why turn to the deadness of the law? God has forgiven us all our trespasses so that we have a \_\_\_\_\_ standing before Him." (Wiersbe)*

*"Christ, in this picture, is the \_\_\_\_\_ general; the powers and authorities are the vanquished enemy displayed as the spoils of battle before the entire universe." (Vaughn)*

**IV. Practical Application.**

**Galatians 6:15** For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a \_\_\_\_\_ . NKJV

Small Group Discussion

*Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?*

1. Read **Colossians 2:11** and discuss the meaning of circumcision. Discuss the three lessons believers can apply to our lives from point I. of the sermon note sheet.  
**Genesis 17:9-14, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, Deuteronomy 30:6, 2 Corinthians 12:9, Joshua 5**
2. Read **Acts 15:1-29** and discuss what took place at the council of Jerusalem while discussing whether or not Gentile Christians needed to be circumcised or not.  
**2 Corinthians 5:17**
3. Read **Colossians 2:12** and discuss the meaning of a Believer's Baptism.  
**Acts 8:26-40, Romans 6:1-6, 1 Corinthians 12:13, Ephesians 4:4-6**
4. Read **Colossians 2:13-14**. What bill did Jesus pay for us? What was the handwriting of requirements that was against us that Jesus wiped out?  
**Exodus 20:1-17, Matthew 5:17, Galatians 3:10-12, Titus 3:5, Ephesians 2:8-9, Matthew 5:48**
5. Read **Colossians 2:15**. How did Jesus make a public spectacle of the principalities and powers?  
**John 19:30, Romans 8:38, Ephesians 1:21, 3:10, 6:12, 1 Corinthians 2:8**
6. Discuss the Practical Application from the sermon.