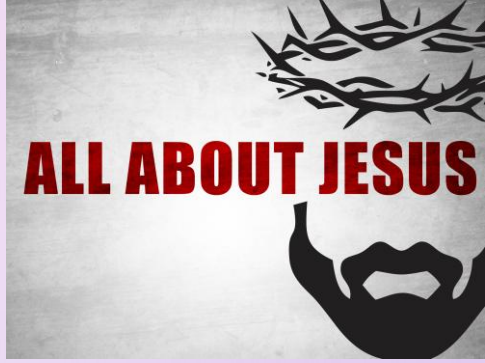


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MADE ALIVE TOGETHER WITH CHRIST

COLOSSIANS 2:11-16

JESUS—ALL IN ALL



- Throughout Colossians we see Paul mentioning over and over again that what we really need is the person—Jesus.
- Jesus is not just the **head of the church** (1:18), **all** the wisdom and knowledge are **in Him** (2:3).
- We are called to walk in him and be filled in him (2:6, 10).
- The **power** of God over sin and death is demonstrated through the resurrection of Christ. (see Eph. 1:18-20)

WE ARE ALIVE IN CHRIST



- It is God's design to make us alive together with Christ in His resurrection (v.11-12).
- (v.12) How do you see yourself before God? Do you see yourself as a **resurrected person**? (Read Rom. 6:1-11)
- Do you regularly **remind** yourself that your flesh and your former life is DEAD to you? (i.e. your vice 3:5-9)
- In here Paul used two pictures to describe our resurrection in Christ—**circumcision** and **baptism**.

CUT OFF OUR OLD SELF



- In circumcision the flesh was “put off” from the baby (v.11, 3:8-9). Spiritually we must cut our old self off daily. (also see Eph. 4:22-24)
- Before it was cut off, the flesh (our old sinful habits) was a part of us. Now we must make **a conscious choice** to put on Christ daily (alive with resurrected Christ) and not put our old self back on when it was already cut off.

WE ARE BURIED WITH CHRIST



- Secondly, in baptism once again we see that our old life was **buried with Christ** (Rom. 6:3-4). We are no longer who we were in the past.
- (V.13) We need to remember who we were and that person is **dead**. If we did not believe in Jesus, we are dead and have no life (Eph. 2:1-3). Now if we believe in Jesus, our former life is dead to us. In either case our old self was DEAD. The world wants us to never realize that.

NAILED TO THE CROSS



- In Christ's **death** our sins were set aside and “nailed to the cross” (v.14). And in Christ's **resurrection** He has triumphed over both sin and death (v.15). This is the message of the gospel. (Have you received this message?)
- Therefore, the gospel is not just a ticket to heaven, rather it is a new life offered by God to us. Only through the love of God in Jesus' death, and through the power of resurrection can we receive and experience this victory.

CONCLUSION



- Have you **received** Jesus as your resurrected saviour?
- How do you see yourself in Christ? Do you see yourself as a **resurrected person** with a new life in Christ, or just a sinner saved by grace?
- Have you **put off** your old self daily and put on Jesus?
- (Rom. 8:1) Please remember that by His **sacrifice** and His **victory**, our sins are **nailed** to the cross and we are **free**.