

**Oxford Baptist Church – Apr 7, 2024 – Robin W. Pifer**  
**Colossians – “Alive With Jesus Christ” – Col 2:9-15**

**The Problem**

We have all been deceived, confused, or detoured by false teachings and a religious spirit.

**Main Thought:**

Spiritual fullness means complete salvation, full forgiveness, and absolute victory in Jesus Christ.

**1. Complete Salvation Is By Jesus Christ | 2:11**

- No religious ritual can make us alive in Jesus Christ.
- The Bible is clear even in the Old Testament (Deut. 10:16; 30:6) that physical circumcision saves no one.
- N.T. - Rom. 2:28–29; Gal 6:12-15; Rom 4:7-15

**2. Alive With Jesus Christ | 2:12-14**

- Jesus is our crucified conqueror, and we are forgiven by him.
- The baptism Paul is talking about (v. 12) is the spiritual baptism, where we are united and identified with Christ in his death, burial, and resurrection (Rom. 6:1–7)

**3. Absolute Victory in Jesus Christ | 2:13-15**

- Overcome opposition.
- By fulfilling the demands of the Law, Christ disarmed the demonic powers and authorities (cf. 1:16; 2:10), triumphing over them. As a result, believers are delivered from these evil powers, which inspire legalistic rules...<sup>1</sup>

**Main Take Away:**

Drop/Cut Off the thing you trust to give you fullness without Jesus Christ.

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<sup>1</sup> Norman L. Geisler, "[Colossians](#)," in *The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures*, ed. J. F. Walvoord and R. B. Zuck, vol. 2 (Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1985), 678.