

sermon notes

June 7, 2026 | Pastor Tony Caffey, Messiah Bible Church | **Preeminence**
The "In Him" Christ Hymn of Colossians 2 | **Colossians 2:9–15**

- 1) In him, we are _____
(2:9–10)

- 2) In him, we are _____ to new _____
(2:11–12)

- 3) In him, we are _____
(2:13–14)

- 4) In him, we are _____
(2:15)

Questions for Further Application of God's Word:

GO DEEPER

Read Colossians 2:9–15. How does this passage connect to the previous passage, Colossians 2:6–8? How does it connect to the commands to walk (2:6) and watch out (2:8)? Summarize both passages (Colossians 2:6–15) in one memorable sentence.

Consider Paul's statement in 2:9 that in Christ the whole fullness of the deity dwells bodily. How does this statement emphasize Jesus's deity? How does it emphasize his humanity?

According to 2:13, how did God make us alive in Christ? In what way were we dead? How is our death and new life symbolized in water baptism? For help with this, see the following video on baptism: https://youtu.be/cz9cOhkzUlg?si=K_A8pvEQCJEs4UUS

GET PERSONAL

Paul speaks of our trespasses and God's forgiveness in 2:13–14. What exactly are your trespasses? Have they been forgiven? Does that include future trespasses as well as past trespasses? How were they forgiven?

Is it right to describe the Christian life as a triumphant life? Does your life feel triumphant? What aspects of Christ's victory in your life are you currently experiencing? What triumphs are you awaiting in the future?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Why is it important to view God's forgiveness as a finished work in your life? Does it feel finished all the time? What's the connection between forgiveness and triumph in the Christian life? What's the significance of the cross in that regard? Consider this in light of the following lines from the hymn, "It Is Well with My Soul." Sing this out before the Lord:

*My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, o my soul!*

ADVANCED QUESTIONS FOR DEEPER STUDY

What was circumcision in the OT? Look up the most significant passages on this subject including Genesis 17:1–14; Exodus 4:24–26; 12:43–49; Leviticus 12:2–3; Deuteronomy 10:16; 30:6; Joshua 5:2–9; Jeremiah 4:4; 9:25–26. What did circumcision signify in the OT? What was its importance? Should physical circumcision continue in the NT era? Is it required of Christians under the New Covenant?

What does Paul mean by "a circumcision made without hands" and "the circumcision of Christ" in Colossians 2:11? Have you experienced *this* circumcision? Compare this passage with other NT passages on this subject including Romans 2:28–29; 4:9–12; 6:3–11; Galatians 5:6; 6:15; Ephesians 2:11–22; Philippians 3:2–3.