

The All Sufficiency of Christ
Colossians
Lesson #13 – Col. 2:11-15

I. Introduction

- A. Gnosticism (v.8-10) – reduced Jesus to an angel
- B. Legalism (v.11-17) – trusting of ceremonies and outward observances
- C. Mysticism (v.19-19) – knowing God through angels and visions
- D. Asceticism (v.20-23) – purifying the spirit by punishing the body

II. Christ's Sufficiency Described

A. Spiritual Circumcision (v.11-12)

- 1. It is inward and spiritual (v.11)
 - 1. Circumcision was a sign of God's covenant with the Jewish people (Gen. 17:9-14)
 - 2. Manual circumcision is external only
 - 3. Spiritual circumcision is an entire transformation of the whole person
 - 4. It is not a rite (ritual) but a reality
- 2. It is complete
- 3. It is Divine (v.11)
- 4. It is identification with Christ (v.12)
 - a. 1 Cor. 12:12-13
 - b. What happen to Christ also happened to me
- 5. It is received by faith (v.12)
 - a. It is the power of God not the power of water

B. To be identified with Christ (v.13-15)

1. Our worth and value is not something we achieve, it is something we receive
2. We were dead BUT GOD made us alive
3. Forgiveness of Sin (v.13-14)
4. Victory of Forces of Evil (v.15)