

Colossians Series

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**God of God and Light of Light begotten,
Lo, He abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God, begotten, not created—
O come, let us adore Him.**

A landscape photograph showing a field of bare trees in the foreground, a dark hill in the middle ground, and a range of mountains with some snow in the background under a clear blue sky.

COLOSSIANS:

Jesus Christ is All-Sufficient

Discovering Your Wealth
Colossians 2:12–13

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Col. 2:8, “Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.”

Col. 2:2, “that their hearts may be encouraged, [by] being knit together in love,

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**ΚΑΤΟΙΚΕΩ katoikéō;
to dwell or reside somewhere**

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τὸ πλήρωμα, to pleroma

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“That which is full of something, or fully complete,” i.e., Christ is complete and fully God, with all the attributes.

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God.” (BDAG)

deity.” (BDAG)

Only here.

Rom. 1:20

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πληρόω, pleroo

“to make full, complete, bring to completion”

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Eph. 3:10, “to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places,

Eph. 3:11, “according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord,”

Eph. 6:11, “Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Eph. 6:12, “For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Eph. 6:13, “Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.”

Col. 1:16, “For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.”

Col. 2:10, “and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.”

Col. 2:15, “Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.”

Ephesians 3:10, “so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places.

Ephesians 3:11, “This was in accordance with the eternal purpose which He carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord,

Ephesians 3:12, “in whom we have boldness and confident access through faith in Him.”

Ephesians 3:13, “Therefore I ask you not to lose heart at my tribulations on your behalf, for they are your glory.

Ephesians 3:14, “For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,

Ephesians 3:15, “from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name,”

Ephesians 3:16, “that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man,

Ephesians 3:17, “so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

Ephesians 3:18, “may be able to comprehend [*katalambano*—to attain to] with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth,

Ephesians 3:19, “and to know [*ginosko*] the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge [*gnosis*], that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.”

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So,

**Why all of the discussion about
circumcision?**

Deut. 10:16, “Therefore circumcise the foreskin of your heart, and be stiff-necked no longer.”

Deut. 30:6, “And the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.”

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**ἐν τῇ ἀπεκδύσει
en ti apekdusei
by putting off, stripping off;
or removing something**

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συνθάπτω *suntháptō*;

“to bury”

aorist passive participle; n m pl

Aorist participles usually *precede* the verb they modify, but may at times be simultaneous

The main verb is: you were circumcised [aor pass ind]

This answers the question HOW are they circumcised?

By being buried with Him in baptism?

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**Aorist passive
modify, but
The main**

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Rom. 6:1, “What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?”

Rom. 6:2, “Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?”

Rom. 6:3, “Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized [identified with] into Christ Jesus were baptized [identified] into His death?”

Rom. 6:4, “Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.”

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Rom. 6:5, “For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection,

Rom. 6:6, “knowing this, that our old man [sin nature] was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.

Rom. 6:7, “For he who has died has been freed from sin [the power of the sin nature].”

Gal. 5:24, “And those who are Christ’s have crucified the flesh [sin nature] with its passions and desires.”

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ETERNAL REALITIES

TEMPORAL REALITIES

“POSITIONAL TRUTH”

ACTS 16:31



IN CHRIST

Baptism by the Holy Spirit

FILLED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

“Walking by the Holy Spirit”