

## Communion Meditation – Colossians

Colossians 2.10-11 (read 8-15)

“Christ our Savior”

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### v11a ~ “In Him”

- Col 1 had ended with an emphasis upon being in Christ
  - Christ our Treasure (1-5) and our Master (6-10)
  - Now emphasis turns to Christ as our Savior

### Read v11-12 ~ “In Him you were also .. raised Him from the dead”

- This circumcision was “made without hands” / we’re beyond a physical act
  - This perspective on circumcision not introduced with New Testament
    - Read Dt 10.15-16 ~ “The Lord delighted only .. no longer.”
    - NT in OT concealed / But not completely concealed
- Paul describes circumcision in great detail in Rom 4 (Read Rom 4.9-12)

### Read v13-14 ~ “And you, being dead in your trespasses .. nailed it to the cross”

- We were dead to God and alive only to sin
  - Yet we were spiritually resurrected to share in life with Christ / “in Him”
- We had a handwritten indictment against us / Our guilt was obvious
  - But God nailed our indictment of guilt to the cross along with Christ
    - Only Christ’s blood, pouring down the cross, obliterates this list of sins
    - This “handwriting of requirements .. which was contrary to us”

### Read v15 ~ “Having disarmed .. over them in it”

- Christ not only triumphed over evil / He made a “public spectacle” of evil
- “Did Satan or his demonic hordes know what was happening?”
  - “I think not... I think they were wholly caught up in bloodlust.”
  - Evil is irrational at its heart / It’s about passion & fury / anger & rage
  - The following words describe those that martyred Stephen (Acts 7.54, 57)
    - “they were cut to the heart” / “they gnashed at him with their teeth”
    - “they cried out with a loud voice”
    - “they stopped their ears .. and ran at him”
- But .. what was Stephen’s perspective at that same moment?
  - Read Acts 7.55-56 ~ “But he, being full .. hand of God!”

While we were yet sinners Christ died for us / We have new life ..  
How can we not live for Him with this new life we’ve received?