

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.**

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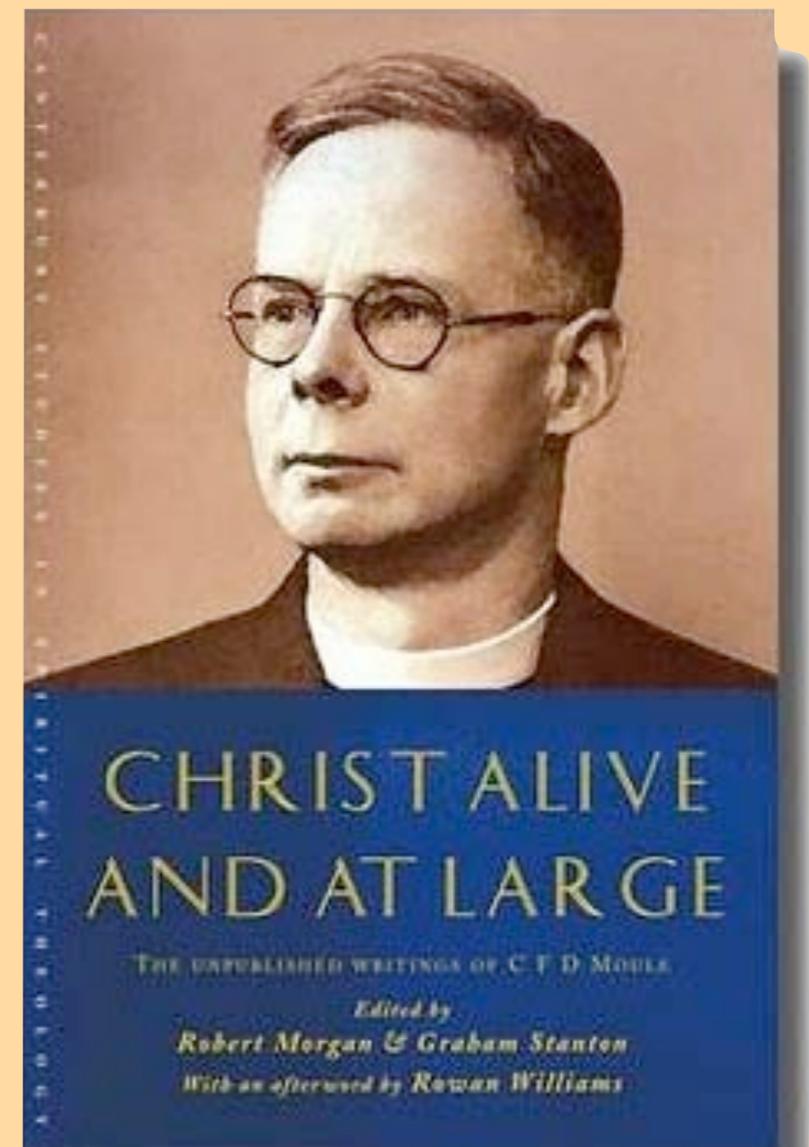
COLOSSIANS: Jesus Christ is All-Sufficient

**Cairns, Gilgal,
Circumcision, and Blessing**

Colossians 2:12–14

“This section [Col 2:4–3:4] contains ... one of the most important of St. Paul’s descriptions of what is achieved by the death of Christ, and one of his most emphatic reiterations of the theme of the incorporation of believers in Christ.”

~C.F.D. Moule



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At Salvation the POWER of the sin nature is broken!

Col. 2:11, “In Him [whom] you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ,”

THREE STAGES OF SALVATION

PHASE

ONE

Justification

PHASE

TWO

**Spiritual
Life**

PHASE

THREE

Glorification

**Positional
Sanctification**

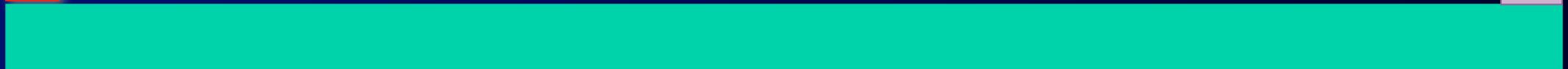
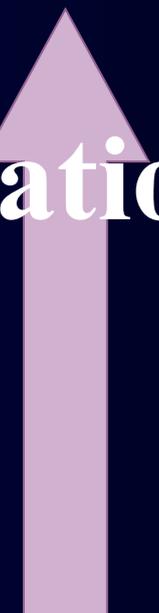
**Freed from
Penalty of Sin**

**Progressive
Sanctification**

**Freed from
Power of Sin**

**Ultimate
Sanctification**

**Freed from
Presence of Sin**



Ephesians 1:3, “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,”

Col. 2:11, “In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ,”

Physical circumcision → circumcision of the heart

Heart circumcision → baptism of the Holy Spirit

Deut. 10:16; Deut. 30:6

Jer. 4:4, “Circumcise yourselves to the LORD, and take away the foreskins of your hearts, you men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem, lest My fury come forth like fire, and burn so that no one can quench it, because of the evil of your doings.”

Jer. 6:10, “To whom shall I speak and give warning, that they may hear? Indeed their ear is uncircumcised, and they cannot give heed. Behold, the word of the LORD is a reproach to them; they have no delight in it.”

Jer. 9:26, “Egypt, Judah, Edom, the people of Ammon, Moab, and all who are in the farthest corners, who dwell in the wilderness. For all these nations are uncircumcised, and all the house of Israel are uncircumcised in the heart.”

Ezek. 44:7, “When you brought in foreigners, uncircumcised in heart and uncircumcised in flesh, to be in My sanctuary to defile it—My house—and when you offered My food, the fat and the blood, then they broke My covenant because of all your abominations.”

Ezek. 44:9, “Thus says the Lord GOD: ‘No foreigner, uncircumcised in heart or uncircumcised in flesh, shall enter My sanctuary, including any foreigner who is among the children of Israel.’ ”



Waters of Jordan
"stopped" (Josh. 3:16ff)

Mt. Ebal
Shechem

Mt. Gerizim

Adam

Shiloh

Bethel

Khirbet Makater

Aiath

Ai

Gilgal

Khirbet Nisya

W. Makkuk R.

Jericho

W. Nimrin River

Shittim

Aijalon

Gibeon

W. Qelt River

Jebus (Jerusalem)

Jarmuth

Bethlehem



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**περιτέμνω peritémnō;
Aor pass Ind; 2P
circumcise**

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

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συνθάπτειν τῷ βαπτισμῷ *en to baptismo*

“to bury” *en* with an instrumental dative shows the means of aorist passive carrying out the baptism.

Aorist passive

modify, by *By being buried with Him in [spiritual] baptism.*

The main

This answers the question HOW are they circumcised?

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.”

**συνθάπτω *suntháptō*;
“to bury”**

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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Aorist passive

modify, but “buried with Him *by baptism*”

The main

This answer

circumcised?

By being buried with Him in baptism?

Col. 2:13, “And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses,”