



# **Adult and Teen Life Groups Conferencing Guide**

SERMON DATE: 09/06/2020  
DISCUSSION DATE: TBD  
TEXT: COLOSSIANS 2:11-15

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## **I. HOW TO BE MADE COMPLETE / EXPERIENCE PERSONAL FULFILLMENT?**

### ***A. The Shocking Pathway To Personal Fulfillment, v.v. 11-13.***

1. Our hearts must be circumcised, v. 11
2. Our selfishness must die, v. 12a.
3. We must be raised to new life with Christ, v. 12b-13b.

### ***B. The Stunning Display of Grace, v.v. 13c-15.***

4. God forgives ALL our trespasses, v. 13c.
5. God cancels our debt through His Son's sacrifice, v. 14.
6. God has defeated all the enemies of faith through His Son's resurrection, v. 15.

## ASK GOD FOR WISDOM TO APPLY HIS WORD IN OUR DAILY LIVES

What does God want us to desire/value?	What does God want us to know?	What does God want us to do?
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1. **Read Colossians 2:4,6 and 1 Timothy 6:12; 2 Timothy 4:7.** How do we connect the warnings in Colossians with the call to fight the good fight of faith? When will we be able to say with Paul, that we have “fought the good fight and finished the race?”
2. **Read Colossians 2:9-10.** Where do people look for personal fulfillment? What are they looking for? What have people accepted to be the pathway to being all they want to be? What does it mean to be made complete in Christ? Why is Jesus the only source of personal fulfillment?
3. **Read Colossians 2:11; Deuteronomy 10:16; 30:6; Jeremiah 4:4.** What is a circumcision “made without hands?” How does this connect to the OT texts listed here? What are the results of this circumcision? What does the imagery of circumcision help us understand about this circumcision of Christ? What is the “body of the sins of the flesh” (see Romans 6:6; Ephesians 4:22)?
4. **Read Colossians 2:12-13.** Who gets buried and when does this happen? What must die into for enjoy new life in Christ? What do we learn about the content of saving faith from these verses? What are the only two spiritual conditions in which a person can exist? How can that which is spiritually dead be made alive? How should we describe uncircumcised flesh?
5. **Read Colossians 2:13.** How does the forgiveness of sins connect to Jesus’ resurrection from the dead? Why is forgiveness needed? Is there a limit to the number of sins that are forgiven? Why should this give us hope in our witness to unsaved family and friends?
6. **Read Colossians 2:14.** What requirements were against us (i.e. the debt of our sin)? What does sin demand? How can God’s justice be satisfied in order for Him to be just in the forgiveness of sins?
7. **Read Colossians 2:14.** What kind of powers has God defeated and how were they defeated? What claims to such powers make about spirituality and spiritual growth? How had God made spectacle of them? What does this mean for each of us who have been made alive together with Jesus?