

# SERMON NOTES 5/9/26



When you get captured in knowing God your life aligns out of relationship rather than trying to meet a standard that you could never have met. Jesus met the standard, get captured in His image!

1. **Colossians 2:9-10** tells us that the fullness of God lives in Christ and because we are in Christ, we are complete in that union.
  - a. God is over every ruler and principality; if His fullness is in us, we realize our authority in Christ and become strong and confident in that union.
  - b. We do not earn a level of fullness; we are unified in the complete fullness of God - letting go of sin does not earn wholeness, it reveals that which is already there.
2. **Colossians 2:11** talks of spiritual circumcision - that Christ cut away (past tense) your sinful nature. This speaks of the truth of spiritual matters and identity. We do not hope God cuts off sins in our lives; we come into agreement that He already has and we begin to unwrap the lie of sin nature to reveal the truth of the fullness of Christ in us. You do not earn a new identity, you reveal it through the unwrapping of previous sin nature.
3. **Colossians 2:12** teaches us about a spiritual baptism from death to life. This is not about sacraments of circumcision and baptism. This is a spiritual truth about the cutting away of things so you can be revealed and a testimony of what has already taken place in your life - a new life has begun in Christ. In this new life is not only your true identification as a child of God, but the key to behaviors changing in your life in such a way that causes you to leave sin and embrace your calling. This happens because you get captivated in who He is and begin to see who you are.
4. **Colossians 2:13-15** tells us that He has canceled the record of charges against us by bailing them to the cross. He disarmed the enemy in this way because there is no longer room for accusation. So, to be captured in His image is to dare to believe that you do not have to keep record of wrong through a life of repentance and devotion. Salvation is an invitation to union and in this union we take a seated position about every ruler and principality. Jesus wiped away your sin, more accurately translating "to anoint completely" - you were set apart and commissioned as a child of God identified in the fullness of Christ, not in the behavior of sin! And because of this, we walk away from that sin and in to Him!