

Colossians: Chapter 2: 11-12

He is the Solution to
our SIN NATURE:




My Outline of Col. 2:11-12:

Col. 2:9:



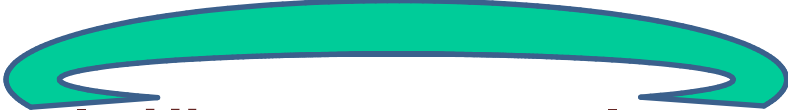
In Him, all the Fulness is pleased
(happy) to be dwelling in Christ bodily—

Col. 2:10:



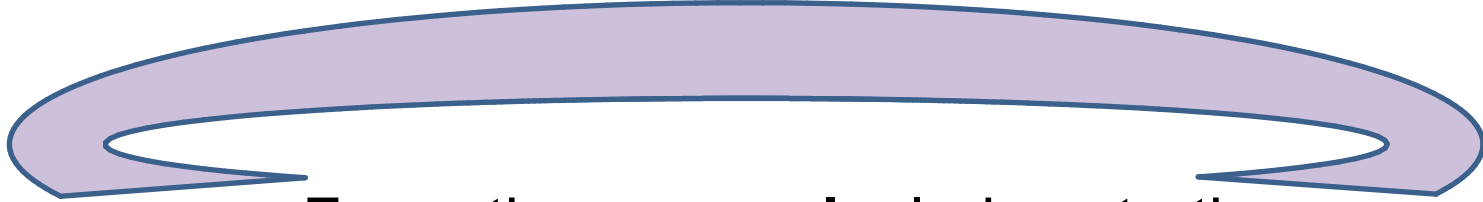
**And YOU ARE COMPLETE IN
HIM....** *Who is the the Head of all
principality and power—*

Col. 2:11:



**In Him you were also
circumcised....** *With THE
circumcision made without hands—*

My Outline of Col. 2:11-12:



Col. 2:9:

From the **general**, glorious truth—



Col. 2:10:

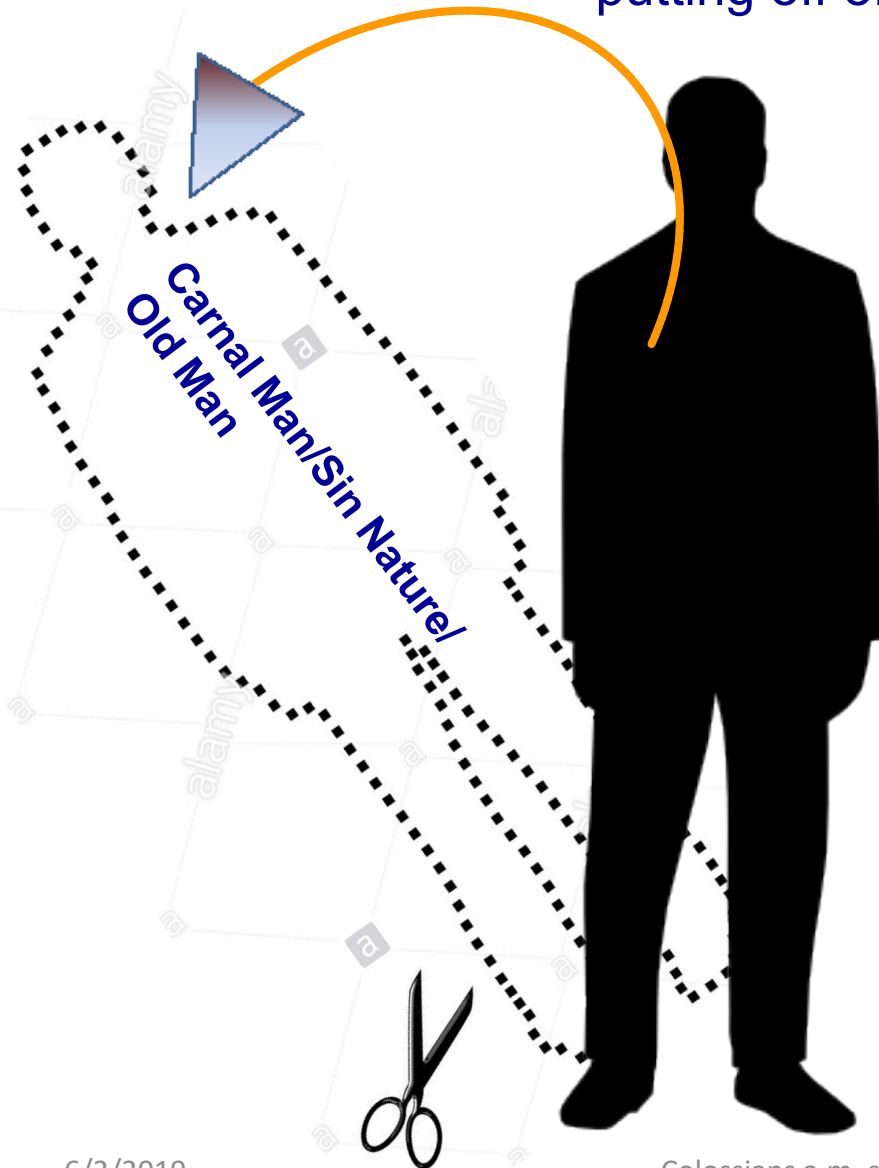
To the truth concerning **YOU** in
glorious truth—



Col. 2:11:

To: the **specific truth you
need** in COMBAT to keep from
being defrauded of your reward

Col. 2:11: **IN HIM you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands**, by the putting off of the body of the sins of the flesh



to circumcise = *peritemnō*

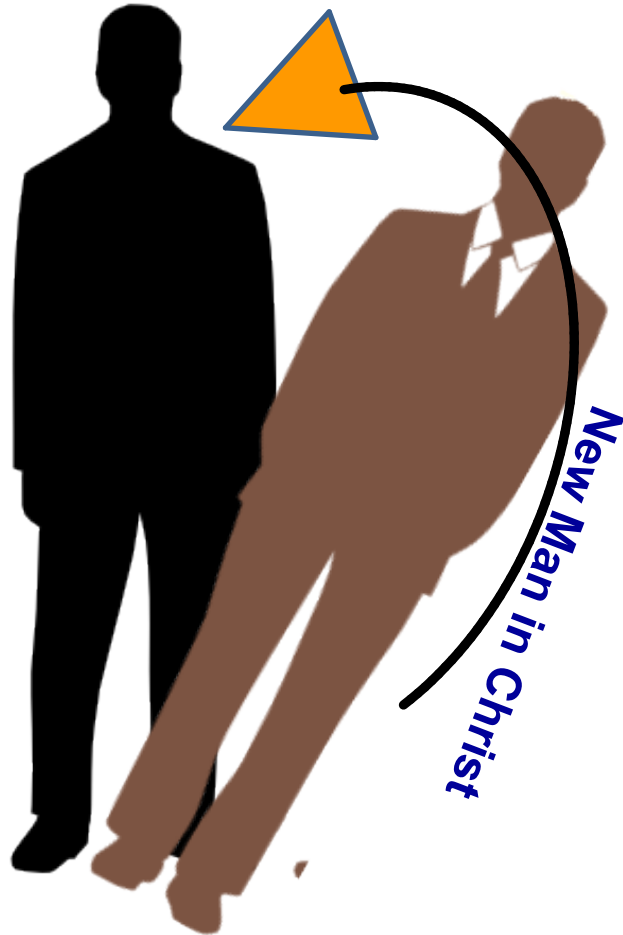
- In spiritual circumcision **IN CHRIST**
- the whole corrupt, carnal nature is put away like a garment which is taken off and laid aside.“
- Body of the Flesh/Sin Nature is **not eradicated**
- **Its power is broken**, and it has no more power over the believer than he allows it to have.
- The physical body was once dominated by the evil nature is put away
- Now in Christ: your physical body is now dominated by the divine nature/**New Man in Christ.**

Verb: **ek**duomai = putting off
Note: **ek** = (out of) one's clothes



Col. 2:11: **IN HIM** you were also circumcised with **THE** circumcision made without hands, by (means of) **the putting off** of the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ,

Compare ekduomai = *putting off* one's clothes in Colossians 2:11



to: en-dü'-ō

in Colossians 3:10:

(covered in upcoming weeks)

“(since you have *laid aside the old self*)... and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him—”

- endyō = sink into (clothing), put on, clothe one's self

Endyō: put on one's clothes

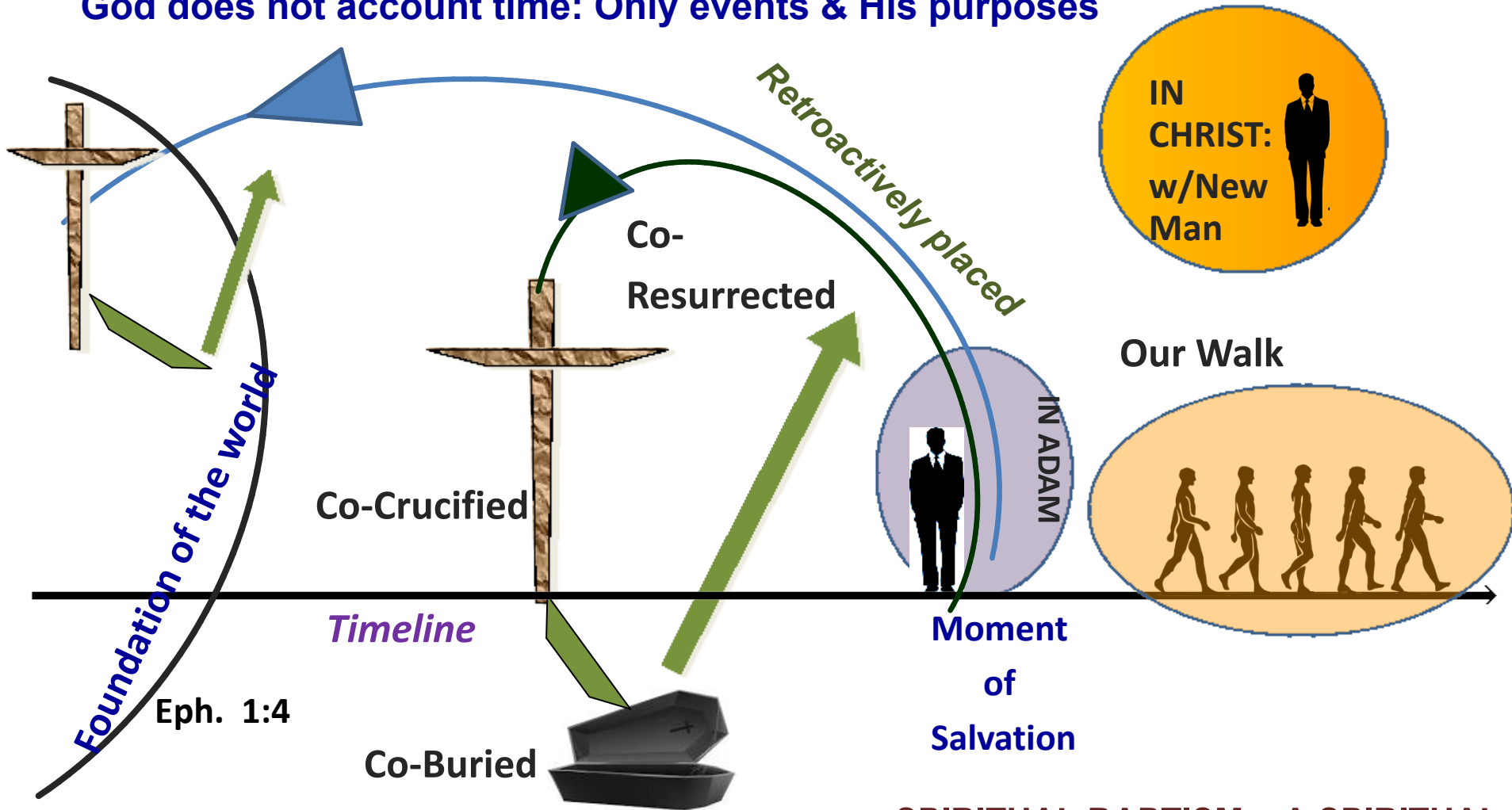


Or in Colossian's
context:
The New Self

How did we receive the spiritual circumcision / the circumcision of Christ?

- By MEANS of: Baptism
- Verse 12: “**co-buried** with Him in **THE BAPTISM**, in which you were also **co-raised** with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead”
- Same exact principle as Romans 6
- In greek: “buried” and “raised” have the modifier that renders them both: “**TOGETHER WITH**”
- Now: What is Spiritual Baptism/ the baptism of Christ?

God does not account time: Only events & His purposes



βάπτισμα = baptisma

Definition: baptism =
baptizo (root word) = to immerse (**PERMANENTLY**)

**SPIRITUAL BAPTISM = A SPIRITUAL
IMMERSION/ SUBMERSION =
IDENTIFICATION IN CHRIST=
ROM. CHAP. 6: 1-11**

How did we receive the spiritual circumcision / the circumcision of Christ?

- Verse 11-12 is rendered: “in Whom you are circumcised by the by means of being co-buried with Him in THE baptism, in which you were also raised with Him through faith” (*summarized*)
- Note the Greek tenses and modes:

Circumcised:

- Aorist
- Indicative
- PASSIVE

Co-buried:

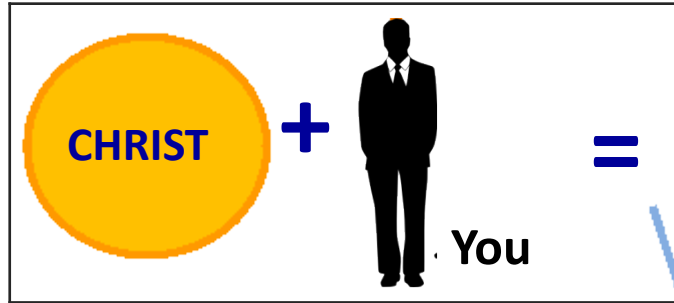
- Aorist
- Participle (by means of)
- PASSIVE

Co-Raised:

- Aorist
- Indicative
- PASSIVE

Aorist: all 3 emphasize the fact it happened. Indicative: the reality of it. Passive: It was done to you.

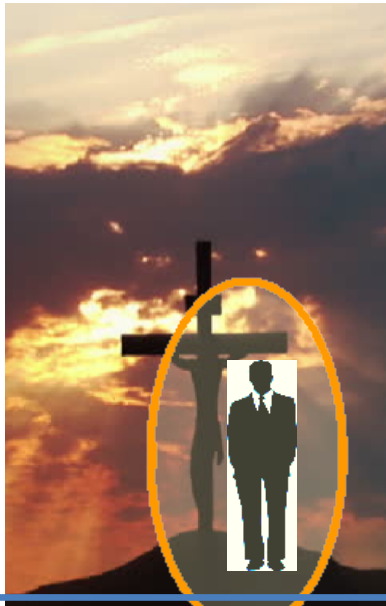
For all of you who were baptized into Christ...



Co-raised



Co-seated



Co-crucified



Co-buried



Co-ascended

Life...
...Death



Old Nature



Circumcision



The Working of God in the Identification with Christ in THE baptism

Vs. 12: ... “co-buried with Him in the baptism, in which you were also co-raised with Him through faith **in the working of God**, who raised Him from the dead,”

- Working = ἐνέργεια = *energeia*
- Energeia = is only used in N.T. as only a supernatural working Energeia = also, an **OPERATION** of God

Summing up Col. 2:11-12, I.

- Gnostic proponents were coming into Colossae mixing Eastern mysticism & theosophy with Mosaic requirements such as circumcision
- This is similar to Acts 15: “Certain men came down from Judea teaching, “unless ye be circumcized according to Moses....”
- Or: Gal. 2:3: Paul brought Titus to demonstrate the fact that being physically circumcised was not in accordance with grace; (covered in the 10 a.m. service recently)
- Gal. 3:3 “Are you made perfect (complete) by the flesh? (this same question could be posed to these Colossians)

Summing up Col. 2:11-12, II.

- Paul does not make an argument against their claims, but presents instead Christ in His fullness, and the fact that the Colossians were “in Him”, completely full with His fullness, **(they are Complete in Him)**
- Why do you want to become circumcised when you **ALREADY HAVE BEEN** circumcised with the spiritual circumcision of Christ?
- By means of spiritual baptism, explaining to them that they have been permanently immersed and placed forever in Christ: His death, His burial & His raising again
- Their sin nature has been dealt with: condemned, and separated from them
- Skipping to Col. 3:11: “There is neither circumcised nor uncircumcised: **BUT CHRIST is all in all**”

Who shall deliver me from this
body of death? [Rom. 7:25]

