



**Week 3: Brought to fullness**

Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> 2023

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✠ The fullness of God!  
*Colossians 2:9*

✠ Brought to fullness  
*Colossians 2:10*

✠ In Christ, *we have been...* circumcised  
*Colossians 2:11, Galatians 5:6, Galatians 6:15, Romans 2:28-29*

✠ In Christ, *we have been...* baptized  
*Colossians 2:12a, Romans 6:1-7*

✠ In Christ, *we have been...* raised!  
*Colossians 2:12b, Ephesians 2:1-7*

### Questions for reflection and discussion

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- Colossians 2:10 is a huge and profound statement: that *in Christ you have been brought to fullness*. Let's think about this.
  - Other than through our faith in Christ, what are ways we seek 'fullness' in life? Why can these be pitfalls, even if they are morally neutral, or even positive? How can 'religion' become a competing source of fullness?
  - What are examples of how do we *receive and experience* fullness in Christ? What are ways you could complete the sentence- "*In Christ I am fully....?*"
- Every believer has faced the dilemma of *knowing* how Christ has brought us fullness, and *actually experiencing this fullness* in the reality of life. What are the barriers we face to move from the first to the second? How is this overcome? What is God's countenance to us when we fail?
- Explain what Paul is getting at with his metaphor of circumcision. What is the part of us 'ruled by the flesh' that Paul says *has been* (completed tense) put off? To use the NASB language, if 'the body of our flesh' has been removed (circumcised) by Christ, why do we still struggle with our flesh?
- What does Paul mean when he uses the term 'the flesh'? This is important!
- What is now true of us because we have been 'buried with Christ in baptism'? Reference Romans 6:1-7
- What is now true of us because we have been "raised with Christ through our faith in the working of God?" Reference Ephesians 2:1-7
- How does today's passage speak to the centrality of our participation in the body of Christ?

*Next Sunday: Week 4- From Death to Life. Colossians 2:13-15*

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