

The Elements of Being Complete in Christ Col. 2:11-15 January 13th, 2021

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- 1. Our flesh no longer has dominion (11)
- 2. Our former manner of life is dead (12a)
- 3. We have been raised from spiritual death (12b)
- 4. We have been given new life (13a)
- 5. We have been forgiven of ALL of our transgressions (13b)
- 6. Our debt has been completely paid (14)
- 7. Our spiritual enemy is completely disarmed and defeated (15)

"The male reproductive organ demonstrated the 'depth of depravity because it carried the seed that produced depraved sinners. Thus, circumcision symbolized the need for profoundly deep cleansing to reverse the effects of depravity.

John MacArthur (Study Bible)

Baptismal Regeneration

"It is the idea that baptism is the means by which original sin is washed away. That is, water baptism is how the Holy Spirit performs the regeneration of the believer, so it is a necessary part of salvation."

Douglas Mangum, The Lexham Glossary of Theology (Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2014).

Marks of God's Forgiveness

- 1. It is an act of God's Grace (Eph. 1:7)
- 2. It display's His Faithfulness (1 John 1:9)
- 3. It is for His Name's sake (Isa. 43:25)
- 4. He is eager to Forgive (Mic. 7:18-19)
- 5. It is Complete (Ps. 103:12; Jer. 31:34b)

Group Discussion Questions

- Before you became a follower of Jesus Christ, did you have any false views/beliefs about Him / Christianity ? What changed your mind?
- 2. Assign 1 element per person and have them share what they learned today about that element.
- 3. Take the time to pray as group !