

**LINCOLN COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH**  
**SERMON OUTLINE**  
**July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018**  
Col. 2:11-12

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- **Recap:** Last week, we looked at God, through Paul, concluding his warnings against us being moved from Scripture, by instead having us look to Him for fulfillment, and for headship.
- **“In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ,”**
  - As we know, this idea of being circumcised in heart, spiritually, and not physically, refers to a “cutting away” or “removal” of sin, evil, and death from the very heart and being of man.
  - Your heart has been renewed thanks to the power of God. Note also the end of this verse, which states, **“in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.”** It is implied that it is God’s power that is doing all the work.
- **“by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ,”**
  - God’s circumcision of your heart is accomplished BY removing that body of flesh.
  - **Romans 6:1-11**
  - In other words, there is one point that the old man has been crucified and destroyed alongside your just punishment with Christ’s work.
  - The point in Colossians, and in Romans here, is that you are called, as a Christian, to fight against this old man, this “body of flesh,” so to speak, by “putting it off.”
    - Your regeneration, and your salvation, was **monergistic**. This means God and only God brought that about, with zero cooperation and help from you
    - But the work of sanctification is **synergistic**. This means that you and God are both working together as agents trying to bring about your sanctification
- **“having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him”**
  - Baptism was meant to demonstrate one washing oneself off of old sin and evil, and rising again a new man before God.
  - So then, when it says **“burying”** someone in baptism, it is referring to the fact that someone baptized is “buried” under the water, and that old, sinful man does not re-emerge.
- **“through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.”**
  - Then, note this final statement of God’s power: It is the powerful work of God that brings about all of this for you!
- Conclusion:
  1. **We need to live as a people that “put off the flesh,” because it is who we are now. As “circumcised” people, we are renewed now, reborn, in all aspects of life.**
  2. **Live as new people! Enjoy your gracious God and new identity in His work!**
  3. **Know the great power of God that was shown to raise Christ, and to save you.**