



# BOOK OF COLOSSIANS

WEEK 2- DAY 5

## COLOSSIANS 2: 11-19

### NEW LIVING TRANSLATION (NLT)

**11** When you came to Christ, you were “circumcised,” but not by a physical procedure. Christ performed a spiritual circumcision—the cutting away of your sinful nature. **12** For you were buried with Christ when you were baptized. And with him you were raised to new life because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead.

**13** You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins. **14** He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross. **15** In this way, he disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross.

**16** So don’t let anyone condemn you for what you eat or drink, or for not celebrating certain holy days or new moon ceremonies or Sabbaths. **17** For these rules are only shadows of the reality yet to come. And Christ himself is that reality. **18** Don’t let anyone condemn you by insisting on pious self-denial or the worship of angels, saying they have had visions about these things. Their sinful minds have made them proud, **19** and they are not connected to Christ, the head of the body. For he holds the whole body together with its joints and ligaments, and it grows as God nourishes it.

### DAY 5 REFLECTION QUESTIONS FOR VERSES 11-19

1. To the Jews, circumcision was the physical sign of God’s covenant. Describe the spiritual circumcision identified in vs. 11?
2. What did Jesus do with the record of charges against us (vs. 14)? What was the result of this in terms of our enemy’s power over us (vs. 15)?
3. What are the “shadows” of Christ’s reality (vs. 16-17)? Why can’t these physical rules and observations make us right with God? What can?