

Freed from the power of sin

Colossians 2:11-15

- I. Rituals: Circumcision and baptism symbolize our need for Christ's power (Colossians 2:11-12).
 - A. Circumcision was an external symbol under the law of mankind's need for internal transformation by Christ (11).
 - B. Baptism is now an external symbol of our faith in the power of God to give us new life through Jesus Christ (12).

- II. Reality: We are now spiritually alive because Christ triumphed over sin at the cross (Colossians 2:13-15).
 - A. We are no longer enslaved to sin because we are now spiritually alive through Christ (13a).
 - B. We are no longer condemned because our sin debt is forgiven and removed by the cross (13b-14).
 - C. Satan no longer has power over us because the power of sin is broken by Christ's victory (15).