

**Be Alive!**  
**Colossians 2:10-17**

**Colossians 2:10**  
*“in Christ you have been brought to fullness”*

- This can only be true because Jesus is truly God.
- If He were not God, we couldn't be complete in Him.

Therefore - there is no need to look for or to follow false promises.

**Colossians 2:10**  
*“He is the head over every power and authority.”*

Principality and power describes ranks of angelic beings, both the faithful and the fallen angels (Romans 8:38, Ephesians 1:21, Ephesians 3:10, Ephesians 6:12). Paul is declaring Jesus' authority over ALL spiritual and physical beings.

**Colossians 2:11-12**  
*“In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self-ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, <sup>12</sup> having been buried with him in baptism,”*

- Circumcision is a Jewish tradition.
- Our spiritual circumcision meant the **putting off** of the old man.
- The Greek word for ‘putting off’, is the imagery of discarding.

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*“<sup>12</sup> having been buried with him in baptism,”*  
Baptism means to be identified with

**Colossians 2:13**  
*“God made you alive with Christ.”*

**Colossians 2:14**  
*“He forgave us all our sins, <sup>14</sup> having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.”*

**How could a Holy God be justified in canceling debt?**