

# L2 | "The Operation of God" | Colossians 2:10-12

## I. Intro/Review:

### 1. **Once Dead**

#### 1. Dead in your sins (Eph. 2:1-3; Rom. 6)

##### 1) **Condemnation - Rom. 5:16, 18**

1. Rom. 1:18-32, 3:9, 23 - under sin
2. Rom. 3:11-12 - None righteous, none that doeth good
3. Rom. 5:10 - enemies of God

##### 2) **Abomination - Tit. 1:15-16**

1. Rom. 6:20 - servants of sin
2. Rom. 6:20-21 - dead to righteousness
3. Rom. 7:7-13 - continual revival of sin (under law)

##### 3) **Alienation - Col. 1:21**

1. Eph. 4:17-19 - alienated from the life of God
2. Eph. 2:2 - prince of the power of the air
3. Eph. 5:8 - sometimes darkness - Col. 1:13

#### 2. Dead in uncircumcision of your flesh

- 1) In the flesh, walking in the flesh (Rom. 8)
- 2) Confidence and trust in the flesh (Php. 3)

### 2. **Now Quickened** - Eph. 2:1, 4; Romans 6 - Alive to sin - dead to God

#### 1. Alive unto God

##### 1) **Justified** - Redeemed

1. Forgiven all sins - Eph. 1:7, Col. 2:13
2. Imputed with Christ's righteousness - Rom. 3:20-26, 2 Cor. 5
3. Atonement - Reconciliation - Rom. 5:6-21

##### 2) **Sanctified** - purified

1. Dead to sin - Rom. 6:2
2. Alive unto God - Rom. 6:11 (quickened)
3. Under grace - sons - Rom. 6:14, Rom. 8:14-15

##### 3) **Glorified** - before Him in love

1. Before Him in love - Eph. 1:3
2. Raised and seated in Christ - Eph. 2:4ff
3. Light in the Lord - Eph. 5:8, Col. 1:13
  - i) Lights in world - Php. 2
  - ii) Conversation in heaven - Php. 3:20
    - Eph. 3 - all men see, angels
    - 1 Cor. 4 - men and angels

## II. Preview:

- The Need for the Operation of God

- The Operation of God

### III. Sermon:

**And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power: In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with [him] through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.**

{Colossians 2:10-12}

- **"circumcision made without hands"**
  - Circumcision made with hands - Galatians, Genesis 17
    - Figure of the true
    - Not what we can produce
    - Romans 4
  - In Christ
    - Not by our own works - not what we can produce
  - "in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh"
    - Fruit of our circumcision of Christ
  - "by the circumcision of Christ" - crucified with Christ
- **Through the Faith of the Operation of God**
  1. **Circumcision made without hands - circumcised with the circumcision of Christ - cutting away - separation**
  2. **Baptism - identification**
    - 1) **Buried with Him**
    - 2) **Wherein risen with Him**
  - The Faith of Christ & the working of God's mighty power
    1. Rom. 6
    2. Eph. 1
  - Thinking and Affection change
    - The gospel makes the guilty become guilty
    - The gospel sheds light on evil deeds
    - The gospel grants the knowledge of sin
    - The gospel humbles the heart and quickens the heart to change its natural disposition and thinking of self
    - Sinner - need the forgiveness of sins
    - Light in darkened hearts - received by faith
    - The necessity of Christ's death, burial, and resurrection for your own (justification)
      - Judicially
        - Positional evidence in the mind and heart (spirit bears witness with our spirit)
        - The operation of God has taken place
    - 1 The. 1 - turn from idols to serve the living and true God

- **Operation** - working
  - Definition - The act or process of operating; agency; the exertion of power, physical, mechanical or moral.
  
- Verses
  - And what [is] the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the **working** of his mighty power, {Ephesians 1:19 KJV}
  - Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the **effectual working** of his power. {Ephesians 3:7 KJV}
  - From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the **effectual working** in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love. {Ephesians 4:16 KJV}
  - Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the **working** whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself. {Philippians 3:21}
  - Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his **working**,[G1753] which worketh in me mightily. {Colossians 1:29 KJV}
  - Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with [him] through the faith of the **operation** of God, who hath raised him from the dead. {Colossians 2:12 KJV}
  - [Even him], whose coming is after the **working** of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, {2 Thessalonians 2:9 KJV}
  - And for this cause God shall send them **strong** delusion, that they should believe a lie: {2 Thessalonians 2:11 KJV}

#### IV. Conclusion: