

Lesson 4 COLOSSIANS 2:11-23

DELIVER US FROM EVIL

Our lives change when we come to faith in Jesus as our Savior. The old way of life is gone, and God begins the business of transforming us into the likeness of His Son. This is the work of the Holy Spirit living within us. However, there is always that urge to “go back” and to regress into the old way of life.

1. What does 2 Corinthians 3:17,18 say? What does freedom through Jesus Christ look like in your life? Have you sensed the transforming power of Jesus in yourself or seen it in someone you know?

The Jewish rite of circumcision was an outward sign of an inner reality.

2. What do you learn in Genesis 17:1-11 about the rite of circumcision? According to Deuteronomy 10:16, Romans 2:29 and Psalm 51:10, what is important to God?

The mission of John the Baptist was to prepare the way for the Messiah, Jesus. John baptized with water as an outward sign of repentance.

3. What does Matthew 3:11 say about baptism? What do you think baptism with the Holy Spirit and fire mean? See John 3:5 and 1 Peter 1:6,7.

4. According to Colossians 2:11-14, what did the cross of Jesus do for us?

5. Who do you think the “powers and authorities” are in verse 15? See Ephesians 3:10,12 and 1 Peter 3:21-22.

6. The power of the cross frees us from what things according to Colossian 2:16-23?

7. 2 Corinthians 5:17 and Galatians 6:15 speak of our being new creations in Christ. What does Colossian 2:20 say about reverting to the old rules of life?

APPLICATION: It is not heavy lifting to be all God has called you to be....the image of His Son. It is His work done in you by the power of the Holy Spirit. Write out a prayer asking the Lord to quicken to you any area of your life that needs the transforming power of the Holy Spirit.

PRAYER: Most loving Father, how can we begin to thank you for your amazing grace and loving kindness to us. We stand before you with open hearts to be transformed into the image of your Son. You deliver us from the evil that surrounds us and cover us with your love. Continue to work in our hearts so that we can be the sons and daughters that resemble our brother, Jesus. Amen.