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Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

Death to Death in the Fullness of Christ

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Colossians 2:9-17 For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body. 10 So you also are complete through your union with Christ, who is the head over every ruler and authority. 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.

Big Idea: We experience the fullness of $\underline{\text{life}}$ in the fullness of $\underline{\text{Christ}}.$ Why is this the case?

• The fullness of God is present in Jesus Christ.

v. 9 "For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body."

• Those who trust in Christ share in this fullness.

v. 10 "So you also are complete through your union with Christ, who is the head over every ruler and authority."

"And you are in Him, having been completely filled full with the present result that you are in a state of fullness."

We are "made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God" Ephesians 3:19.

- The completed <u>work</u> of Jesus overcomes <u>death</u> & brings <u>life</u> in all its fullness. How does this happen?
 - Christ performs spiritual circumcision. v. 11-12
 - Christ forgives sin. v. 13-14
 - Christ gives victory over the forces of evil. v. 15

We experience the fullness of $\underline{\text{life}}$ in the fullness of $\underline{\text{Christ}}$. How do we respond to this?

• Remember God's Love.

John 15:13 "There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends."

• Receive God's Grace. v. 16

Romans 8:1-2 "So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death."

• Recommit to follow Jesus Christ.

v. 17 "For these rules are only shadows of the reality yet to come. And Christ himself is that reality."

Colossians 3:3 "For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory."

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