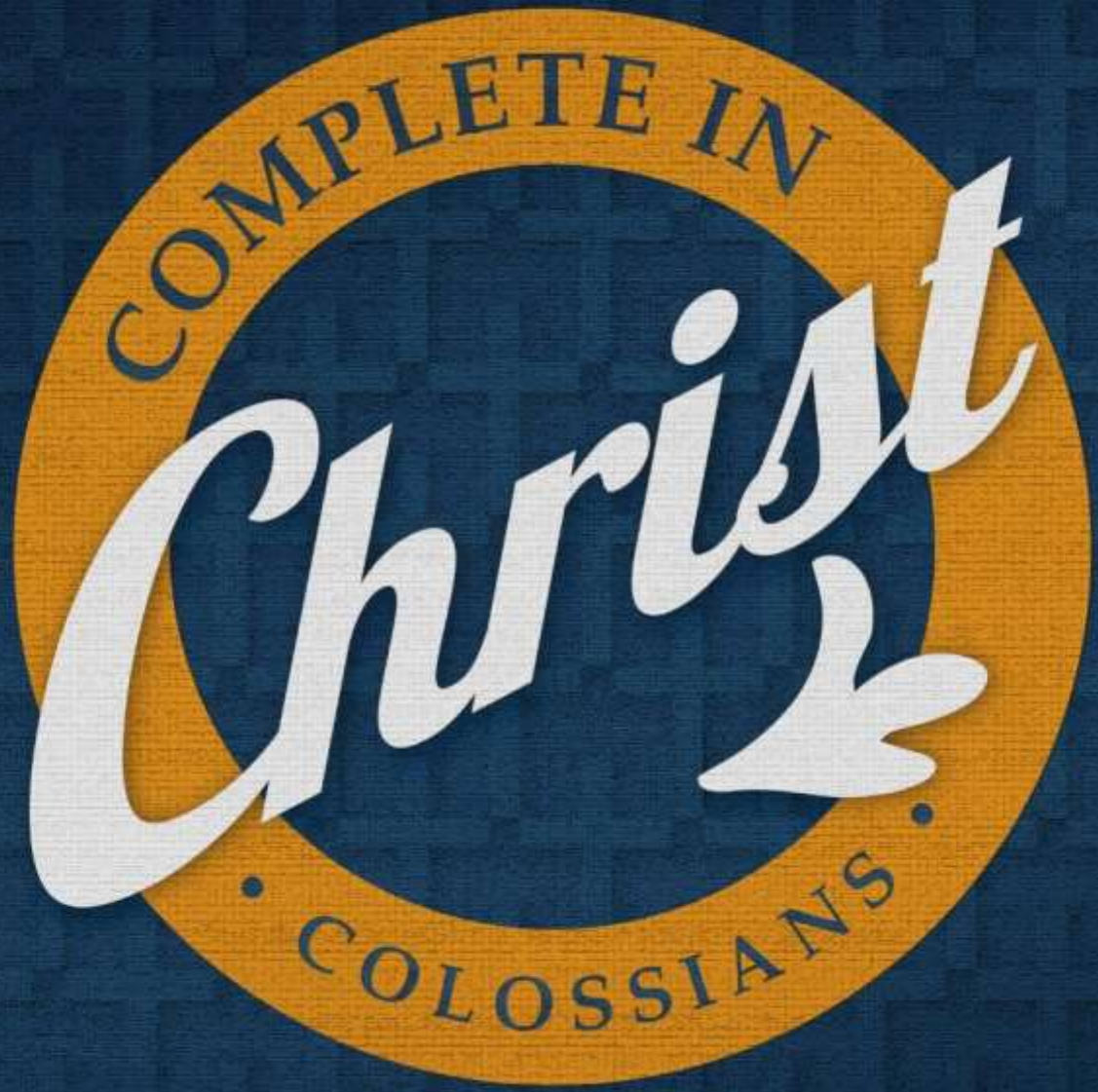
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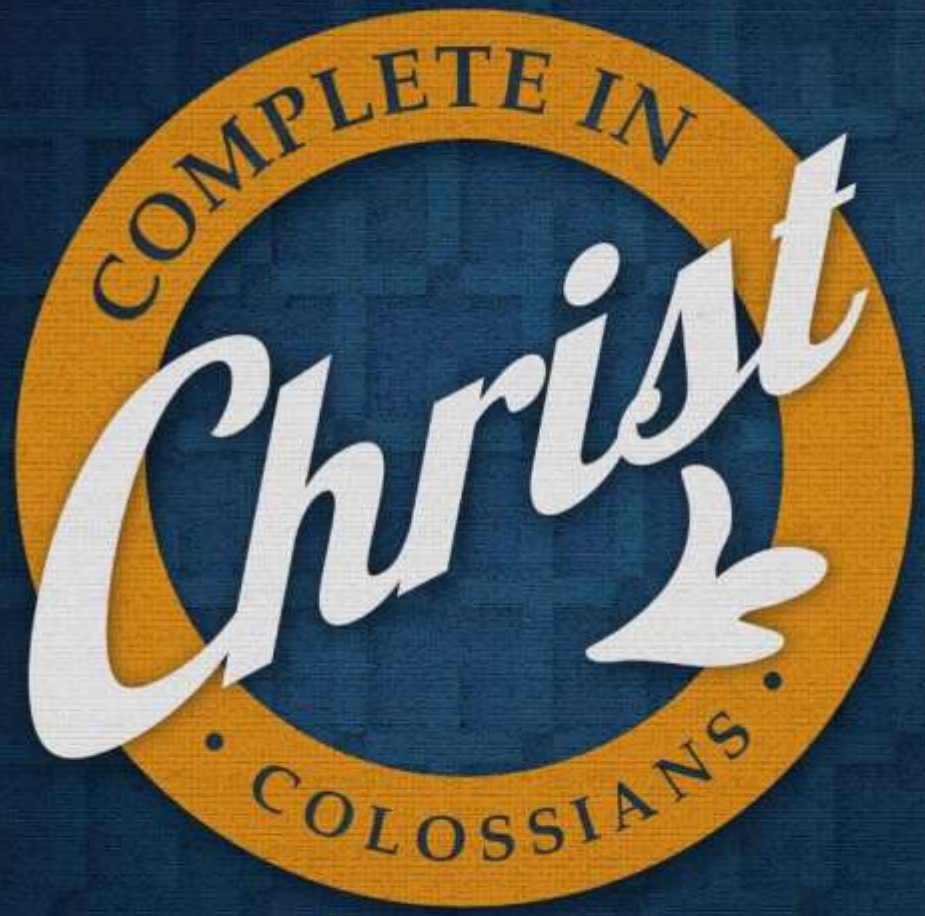

Complete in Christ's Victory over Sin and Death:

Colossians 2:11-15

Remember 1:9-10

For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; 10 that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God

Remember 2:8-10

8 Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ. 9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; 10 and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.

2:11-15

11 In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, 12 buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. 13 And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses,

2:11-15 continued

14 having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. 15 Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

Gospel in 5 steps

- Died with Christ
- Buried with Christ
- Raised with Him
- Forgiven of our sins
- Given victory over sin and death

2:11

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Died with Christ (verse 11)

- Illustrated as the “circumcision of Christ”
- Death of an insignificant member
- Made without hands
  - Work of God
  - Not religious, traditional, or of the flesh

Buried with Christ (verse 12)

- Baptism is a familiar picture
- We are “placed into” Christ’s death
- Represents a Spiritual event

Raised with Christ (made alive)

- Remember, you were spiritually dead!
- Changed from spiritually dead to spiritually alive
- Triumph over death at every level

Forgiven of our sins (verse 14)

- Because of Christ's death, we are forgiven completely
- Law no longer applies
- Our debt has been paid

Given Victory over Sin and Death (verse 15)

- Sin and the agents of evil are disarmed
- Christ makes a spectacle out of their defeat
- This triumph is ours to participate in

Turning Knowledge into Wisdom

- Context gives us the answer
- Verses 8-10
- Verses 20-23

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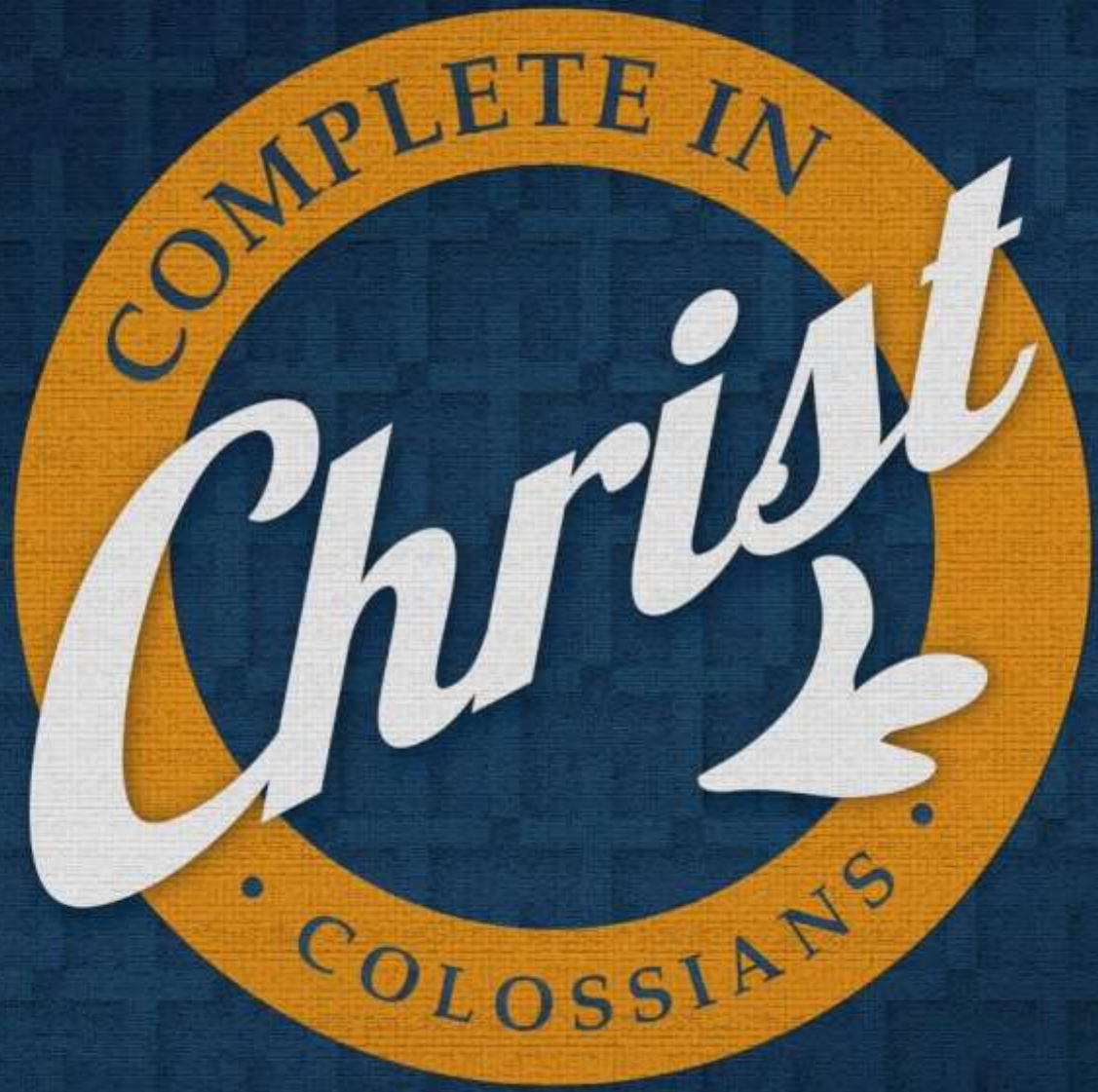
Spoilers 2:20,23

20 Therefore, if you died with Christ from the basic principles of the world, why, as though living in the world, do you subject yourselves to regulations… 23 These things indeed have an appearance of wisdom in self-imposed religion, false humility, and neglect of the body, but are of no value against the indulgence of the flesh.

Conclusion

- Live out the Gospel!
- Sin and Death have no power over you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