



Colossians 2:11-15

The New Symbol

Colossians 2:11. 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.

1. Change is difficult. Not changing can be _____.
2. In this passage Paul is talking to us about a radical change in the designated _____ for being a child of God.
3. Paul is talking about the new circumcision, from a physical procedure to the choice of a _____.
4. If circumcision was instituted by God as a reminder to man, mankind still failed. Man still _____.

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.

5. The new symbol of belonging to God was/is the obedience of baptism. Baptism doesn't save you. Baptism is the awkward demonstration you choose to do to publicly to _____ your faith in Christ.
6. Buried under the water as a symbol of Christ's _____ for you.
7. The process of baptism is the new symbol of our relationship with Almighty God, made possible by the horrendous sacrifice of Jesus.
 - a. It is meant to _____ me of what Christ did.

b. It is a picture meant to remind me of the fact that I did _____ to earn it.

c. It is something awkward I choose to do out of _____ and _____.

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. NLT

8. Why did God do this?

a. Because He _____ you.

b. Because He _____ you with Him in Heaven.

Obvious question: Then why doesn't He save us and take us immediately to Heaven?

c. Because He has a _____ plan for each of us here on earth.

Philippians 1:20 For I fully expect and hope that I will never be ashamed, but that I will continue to be bold for Christ, as I have been in the past. And I trust that my life will bring honor to Christ, whether I live or die. **²¹** For to me, living means living for Christ, and dying is even better. NLT

9. In essence, Paul is saying, “The sacrifice of Christ has given me so much (forgiveness, purpose, and Heaven). While I still have to be here in this life, I will give myself up out of overwhelming, all-consuming gratitude to Christ. Wow, when I finally _____ _____ _____ to Heaven that will be inconceivably better.