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HERE**

**SUNDAY**  
**October 29, 2023**

Building Relationships That Lead to  
Gospel Transformation

**10:45 AM SERVICE**

True North  
I Saw The Light  
Create In Me  
Lord I Lift Your Name On High

Message by  
Pastor Chris Watson  
Colossians 2:11-23  
"Christ, not code."

**NURSERY 10/29**

Bed Babies: FAMILY SERVICE  
Toddlers: FAMILY SERVICE  
Childrens Church: FAMILY SERVICE

**WED. NIGHT MENU 11/1**

Asian Orange Chicken over rice, Dessert, Tea

**STEWARDSHIP GOALS**

2023 Offering Goal (YTD)	\$229,373.59
2023 Offering Received (YTD)	\$220,050.35
Offerings +over/-short YTD	-\$3,797.18

## Christ, not Code

Colossians 2:11-23

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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, 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. 16 So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or Sabbaths, 17 which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ. 18 Let no one cheat you of your reward, taking delight in false humility and worship of angels, intruding into those things which he has not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, 19 and not holding fast to the Head, from whom all the body, nourished and knit together by joints and ligaments, grows with the increase that is from God. 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— 21 “Do not touch, do not taste, do not handle,” 22 which all concern things which perish with the using—according to the commandments and doctrines of men? 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.

### Colossians 2:11-23

**Last week:** knit together, being rooted in Christ and beware of falsehood.

peritomé - properly, cut around, i.e. the removal of the male foreskin in circumcision (the visible sign of God's covenant in the OT). (peritemnō).

Remember Gnostics had a little bit of belief in God, but believed many other things that were not from God or His Word.

### Christ has removed our sin. (vs. 11-15)

Jewish laws, festivals and days were of some focus before Christ but not after. We know from the Old Testament and confirmed in the New, that those of faith of the Old Testament were saved because of their trust in God and that was shown to some extent with following God's plan from the Old Testament. Since Christ has come, we are made right by repenting and believing in Him and because of that we should seek to obey and follow what He follows, not in hopes to be right with Him.

### Don't add to the work of Christ, nor the Word of Christ. (vs. 16-19)

These seek only to put one in bondage, make one think that there is another "level" and/ or by doing or not doing certain things you are special etc. In reality, as we see from Scripture, it at best is false humility and not from the Lord.

### Christ's desire is our continuous dying to self and living to Him.

What was going on that Paul is addressing is the total opposite?

#### Prayer Focus:

**Have I trusted in Christ to remove my sins?**

**I'm I seeking to add or take away from the work or Word of Christ?**

**Am I seeking to die to self daily?**

[1] <https://biblehub.com/greek/4061.htm>