

## THE FULNESS OF SALVATION IN CHRIST

### INTRODUCTION

Nakedness is often associated with shame, humiliation, and defeat.

Isaiah 20:1–4

Ezekiel 16:35–39

In **Colossians 2:11–15**, Paul helps us to see the greatness of our victorious salvation in Christ by highlighting **3 treasures** that belong to us because of Christ's triumph on the cross.

1. The Treasure of Relationship (11–12a)
2. The Treasure of Resurrection (12b–13a)
3. The Treasure of Remission (13b–15)

### THE TREASURE OF RELATIONSHIP (11–12A)

“in Him” = union with Christ

“a circumcision made without hands” = relationship/belonging

Colossians 2:26–23

Deuteronomy 10:16; 30:6

Jeremiah 9:26

Romans 2:25–29; 6:2

“buried with Him in baptism” = “removal of the body of the flesh”

Ezekiel 44:5–7 = access to the New Covenant temple

### THE TREASURE OF RESURRECTION (12B–13A)

“in which” (baptism) or “**in whom**” (**Him**)?

First, notice the sequence of “in Him” since v. 6.

Second, in Greek the phrase “in which you were also” (v. 12) is identical to the phrase “in Him you were also (v. 11), which refers to Christ.

Third, v. 13 corroborates the point by affirming that “He [God] made you alive together with Him [Christ].”

The image of baptism represents more than just the negative aspect of “removal,” illustrated by the external Jewish circumcision; it also adds the positive aspect of “resurrection,” of “new life,” of “new heart,” of an internal circumcision.

### **THE TREASURE OF REMISSION (13B–15)**

“having forgiven”

“all”

“having cancelled”

“having nailed”

“disarmed” (v. 15) = “removal” (v. 11)

An irony of reversal

The death of Jesus is our death to sin. The resurrection of Jesus is our resurrection to new life. The victory of Jesus on the cross is the assurance of our complete forgiveness. The mouth of the accuser is silenced (Romans 8:1). Satan has been put to shame.

### **CONCLUSION**

The story of Jordan Rogers who grew up without knowing who he was and who was his father.

O, son of God! O, daughter of the King! Reflect, appreciate, and live in light of the wealth of salvation that Jesus Christ has conquered for you.