

Jesus—Nothing More, Nothing Less
Filled in Him, Pt. 2
Colossians 2:12-15
Sermon Notes for Aug. 23, 2020

Being Filled in Christ means...

1. Being G_____ a New L_____.

2. Being F_____ of All Our S_____.

3. Being V_____ over All Our E_____.

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Discussion/Study Guide for Colossians 2:12-15

We hope this guide will help you go deeper into God's Word and spur you on in obedience to what God is teaching us today. Please feel free to use all or part of it for your group discussion or personal study.

- Pastor Phil explained the concept of living from above the line and below the line. Have you or someone with you do their best to explain the difference between the two. (2 Cor. 4:18 might be helpful.)
- According to Colossians 2:10, what is the statement that Paul makes about those who have received Christ Jesus the Lord? Is this a statement of our position above the line or below the line?
- What are the images in verses 11-15 that Paul uses to describe what Christ has accomplished for us?
- What do these images teach us about our position above the line?
- In verse 11, the image of circumcision teaches...
- In verses 12-13, the image of being baptized with Christ teaches...
- In verse 14, the image of canceling our record of debt teaches...
- In verse 15, the image of a conquering general teaches...
- Knowing that these statements are true of those who receive Christ Jesus the Lord and are fixed realities above the line, in the unseen realm of our spirit, how would keeping these truths as our point of reference effect the way we live below the line, in the realm of what is seen and always changing?
- What happens when our point of reference starts with what we see below the line rather than who we are and what is true of us above the line?

Make an effort to be conscious of how you think and talk this week. Be disciplined to remind yourself that who you are above the line is more important and critical to your behavior than what is happening or what you are experiencing below the line. The formula of thinking should look like this: Acknowledge below the line circumstances and personal experience BUT live from above the line identity and promises of God. Rather than: Acknowledge above the line identity and promises of God BUT live from below the line circumstances and personal experience.