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2:10-14

Luke 22:21

“And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.”

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According to this passage, what replaced
circumcision?

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A simple reading of the text reveals that it is not water baptism that replaces physical circumcision, but the circumcision of Christ.

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Circumcision of the Old Covenant served as a type or shadow of what would be accomplished supernaturally for all who are in the New Covenant.

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A major difference between the Old Covenant and the New Covenant is that the Old Covenant sign of circumcision did not truly mean that the person was or was going to have saving faith.

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Acts 7:51

“You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit.”

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Deuteronomy 10:12-16

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Deuteronomy 30:6

“And the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your offspring, so that you will love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.”

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All who are in the New Covenant have had their hearts circumcised by Christ. If they have not been circumcised by Christ, then they are not in the New Covenant.

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Jeremiah 31:31-34

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A major difference between the Old and New Covenants is that all who are in the New Covenant have had this heart work performed on them by God, and they have been forgiven.

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Ezekiel 36:25-27

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The baptism described, like circumcision, remains spiritual not physical, and not done not with hands.

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Physical baptism is a physical external expression of what has already happened spiritually and internally.

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Why do we not baptize infants?

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10 Reasons We Do Not Baptize Infants:

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1. The Bible does not teach that circumcision of the Old Covenant equals baptism of the New Covenant.

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2. In all of Paul's writing against the need for circumcision, he never replaces circumcision with baptism.

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3. Physical circumcision of the Old Covenant was a shadow that pointed to the greater spiritual circumcision that would be accomplished by the circumcision of Christ in the New Covenant.

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4. Parents, churches, and pastors should not claim to have the power to do by their hands what can only be done by God. Entrance into the New Covenant can only be accomplished by the hand of God.

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5. To baptize unbelievers and then claim that they are now in the New Covenant is simply false.

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6. Though many years are covered by the New Testament writings, no Biblical example of infant baptism is recorded.

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7. There is no Biblical command ever given to baptize infants.

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8. Every recorded New Covenant baptism of the New Testament comes after salvation, not before.

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9. Immersion in and out of water is a vivid picture of the spiritual baptism into Christ's death, burial, and resurrection and is reserved for those who have truly been united with Christ.

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10. The New Covenant is made up of 100% believers

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Why We Only Baptize Believers:

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1. Christ and the Apostles commanded only believers to be baptized.

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2. All recorded baptisms show that baptism followed salvation but did not precede it.

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3. Immersion into water is the method used in every recorded baptism.

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4. Water baptism is reserved for those who have already been baptized into Christ.

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5. Baptizing only professing believers best reflects the truth of the New Covenant that only God can place people into the New Covenant.

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The acknowledgment or denial of what Paul means by “dead” and is another major difference between professing Christians.

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How much energy does a dead person have? How far can they swim? How far can they reach?

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If you are offended that you were dead, and God made you alive then you should seriously consider if you have actually been saved.

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Pre-conversion, the Colossians were referred to as spiritually dead and fully attached to their sinful flesh, and the same is true of you before salvation.

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How do you get rid of your trespasses against God?

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You can get rid of your trespasses just as easily and successfully as a dead man can swim, reach, or run.

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2 Cor. 5:18-20

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Series: Colossians

Sermon: Colossians 2:10-14 Part 2

1. How does understanding the differences between the Old Covenant and the New Covenant help to understand why physical circumcision is no longer required?

2. According to Gen. 17:10-14 those who were not circumcised were to not be considered connected to the Abrahamic Covenant. According to Galatians 3:7-14. What is required in the New Covenant to be connected to Abraham?

3. Romans 6:1-14 is a good cross reference to Colossians 2:10-14. There is certainly a union with Christ that is spoken of with this baptism. Most likely the spiritual union is at the forefront of text, but physical baptism could be most likely included also. What are some differences that should be evident in the life of someone who has been baptized?

4. Presbyterians and many other denominations teach that baptizing an infant makes them a covenant child. Similarly, many Baptists have been accused of doing the same thing by getting their children to say “The Sinner’s Prayer.” Instead of baptizing an infant, or coercing a child into saying The Sinner’s Prayer, what are some things that you would recommend to parents that would be more beneficial?

5. The Church of Christ denomination/religion teaches that a person is regenerated if and only if they are water baptized. What would you say to someone who believed that water baptism is required for salvation?

6. We believe that God has given us two ordinances, baptism, and the Lord’s Supper. How do they both point to Christ and His work of salvation?
