

Colossians 2:11-12 explains your identification or union with the victorious Lord as a spiritual operation or supernatural work of God that took place in your life at conversion when the Spirit unites you to Christ (1 Cor. 12:13): “**In whom** (union with Christ) **also ye are circumcised** (the non-physical but



spiritual operation – circumcision or death to the flesh, the fallen sinful nature, which God performs within us by first positionally identifying us with Christ’s crucifixion or death – Rom. 6:3, 6-7) **with the circumcision made without hands** (not physical but spiritual in nature - without man’s physical and legalistic efforts), **in putting off** (laying aside - severing our relationship - breaking us away from) **the body of the sins of the flesh** (as in Romans 6:6 - being positionally released from a slave relationship with a sin-possessed body that was ruled by the sin nature - what you were in Adam - sinful, fallen, depraved, corrupt, and enslaved to the sinful nature through the vehicle of the human body) **by the circumcision of Christ** (the spiritual operation begins with our co-union or sharing in the victory of Christ’s death – Romans 6:6-7): **Buried with him in baptism** (the spiritual operation extends to your co-union or sharing in Christ’s burial where the old life is buried and gone - Romans 6:4a), **wherein also ye are risen with him** (the spiritual operation ends with your co-union or sharing in Christ’s resurrection which results in your new birth, being made alive spiritually and now possessing newness of life - Romans 6:4b-5) **through the faith of the operation** (effectual working) **of God** (faith in the supernatural work of God), **who hath raised him from the dead** (Christ’s resurrection).”

Circumcision with Christ is speaking of believers being set free from their sinful nature through union with Christ. Because of your union with Christ’s circumcision or death, you have died to the old man and its relationship with Adam and sin. This has freed you from the power of sin. The flesh, while still with you, has been stripped of its legal power over you, and you may enjoy deliverance as you believe the liberating message of union with Christ’s death, burial, and resurrection life.