

Journey Church Hawaii
"In Christ Alone"
Colossians 2:6-13
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Ted Talk: "Am I Dying? The Honest Answer"

https://www.ted.com/talks/matthew_o_reilly_am_i_dying_the_honest_answer

- I. In Christ I am FULL [Colossians 2:6-10]
 - A. "You have in and from (Jesus) everything necessary to your salvation, all the wisdom and knowledge, the righteousness and strength, the holiness, support, and comfort that you stand in need of, to enable you to glorify God on earth, and to prepare you for being glorified with Him in heaven."
[Benson on Col 2:9-10 <https://biblehub.com/commentaries/colossians/2-9.htm>]
 - B. "Elemental forces": evil spirits that use the rituals of the law to enslave and condemn us [Galatians 4:3]
 - C. Therefore, I continue to live my life IN HIM [2:6-7; Psalm 1 "the tree"]

- II. What is "Circumcision 'In Christ'"? [Colossians 2:11-15]
 - A. Originally sign of Covenant between God and Abraham [Genesis 15]
 - B. Formally legalized by Moses [Leviticus 12:3; John 7:22-23]
 - C. Source of Pride for Israelis; looked with contempt on anyone not observing it
 - D. Christian Circumcision [figurative]
 1. Flesh put off completely; therefore, no longer a slave to sin [Romans 6:3-7]
 2. Free to Choose
 - a. The process of "sinning" [James 1:13-15]
 - b. Becoming more and more Christlike [Ephesians 4:22-24]
 - c. Walking in the Power of the Holy Spirit [Romans 8:1-17]
 3. Unlimited Possibilities IN CHRIST [Philippians 4:13]

- III. A Paradigm Shift: "Living a Life that Makes a Difference"
 - A. The False Promise of Discipleship [Hull & Cook] free ebook
<https://exponential.org/resource-ebooks/falsepromise/>
 - B. Three Questions:
 1. "How can You be this good?"
 - a. Saved by grace through faith, not my effort [Eph 2:10]
 - b. Rest for my soul! [Phil 1:18; Matt 11:28-30]
 - c. I WANT to Abide in You [John 15]
 2. "How am I doing with loving the people Jesus has given me to love?"
 - a. Family
 - b. "Neighbors" [Matthew 22:37-39]
 3. "Jesus, what are You speaking to me?" [Matthew 7:24-27 "Head,Heart,Hands"]
 - C. Making a Difference in Jesus' Name [Matthew 28:18-20]