

DISCUSSION GUIDE

YOU HAVE BEEN FILLED BY HIM
Colossians — Week 18

ICEBREAKER: What's the weirdest food you've ever eaten?

OVERVIEW: To live a victorious Christian life, it is essential to stay encouraged. The Bible commands us to encourage each other, and to avoid fear and worry. One way to stay encouraged is to reflect on the benefits of the Christian life. As Christians we have so many things to be thankful for. Four of these benefits can be seen in Colossians 2:10-15. In this study we will dig deeper into the text and reflect on the benefits of being a Christian.

1. **Read Colossians 2:10-15.** What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. Do you ever get discouraged? If so, what gets you get down?
3. How can reflecting on the benefits of being a Christian help you to stay encouraged?
4. What are your favorite benefits of being a Christian?
5. Read Colossians 2:11 (compare with Romans 6:6). The first benefit of Christianity is that we have been freed from sin. What does it mean that we have been freed from sin?

6. If Christians have been freed from sin, then why do we still sin?
7. Read Colossians 2:12. This verse teaches two things that are symbolized by baptism. What are they?
8. How do we know that Colossians 2:12 does not teach baptismal regeneration (i.e. you must be baptized for salvation)?
9. Read Colossians 3:13-14. The third benefit of being a Christian is that you are forgiven of the penalty of sin. What does it mean that God has forgiven us?
10. If God has forgiven us, can we go on sinning? Explain.
11. Read Colossians 2:15 (compare with Colossians 1:13). The fourth benefit of being a Christian is we are fortified from Satan's dominion. What can the devil do to people under his sway?
12. Is the devil a threat to Christians in any way? If so, how can we defeat him?

The Last Word: The benefits of Christianity are many, but they are only available to those who have put their trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.