

Walk as those who have come to fullness in Christ; with the true circumcision.

1. Paul states that the Christian life is a continuation of the what has been established in Christ

6 Ὅς οὖν παρελάβετε τὸν Χριστὸν Ἰησοῦν τὸν κύριον, ἐν αὐτῷ περιπατεῖτε,
Just as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord continue to walk in him
7 ἑρριζωμένοι καὶ ἐποικοδομούμενοι ἐν αὐτῷ καὶ βεβαιούμενοι τῇ πίστει
rooted and bult up in him and established in the faith
καθὼς ἐδιδάχθητε περισσεύοντες ἐν εὐχαριστίᾳ
just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving

[a] staying with and going deeper in what they were first taught

2. There is need to be alert to the hold on to your freedom - slavery comes

8 βλέπετε μή τις ὑμᾶς ἔσται ὁ συλαγωγῶν
See to it thast no one takes you into captivity
διὰ τῆς φιλοσοφίας καὶ κενῆς ἀπάτης
through philosophy and empty deceit
κατὰ τὴν παράδοσιν τῶν ἀνθρώπων,
according to the traditions [teaching] of men
κατὰ τὰ στοιχεῖα τοῦ κόσμου
according to the elements of the world
καὶ οὐ κατὰ Χριστόν
and not according to Christ

[a] through the teachings of men and empty philosophy

[b] and the elemental spirits of the universe

[c] which have nothing in common with Christ

[d] because He is God's fullness in bodily form

9 ὅτι ἐν αὐτῷ κατοικεῖ πᾶν πλήρωμα τῆς θεότητος σωματικῶς,
because in him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily

3. You have come to fullness in Christ, the person who has over-arching rule of all things

10 καὶ ἐστὲ ἐν αὐτῷ πεπληρωμένοι,
and you are those who have come to fullness in him
ὅς ἐστιν ἡ κεφαλὴ πάσης ἀρχῆς καὶ ἐξουσίας.
who is the head of all rule and authority

[a] and you have been spiritually circimcised - not manually as people do it in the physical way .

11 ἐν ᾧ καὶ περιετημήθητε περιτομῇ ἀχειροποιήτῳ
in whom also you were circimcised by a circimcision made without hands
ἐν τῇ ἀπεκδύσει τοῦ σώματος τῆς σαρκός
in the putting off of the body of the flesh
ἐν τῇ περιτομῇ τοῦ Χριστοῦ,
in [by] the circimcision of Christ

[b]. It happened when Christ put off the body of the flesh as He died and was buried

4. You baptism, as burial with Him, means that you too, have put off the body of the flesh - a circimcision!

12 συνταφέντες αὐτῷ ἐν τῷ βαπτισμῷ, ἐν ᾧ καὶ συνηγέρθητε
having been buried with him in baptism, in whom also you were raised
διὰ τῆς πίστεως τῆς ἐνεργείας τοῦ θεοῦ τοῦ ἐγείραντος αὐτὸν ἐκ νεκρῶν.
through faith in the power of God who raised him from the dead

[a] and to live no longer by the flesh is a matter of trusting the raising power of God.