

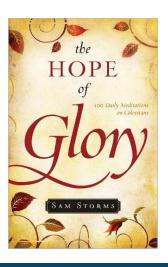
Sunday Series Autumn 2022

What is the series about?

As life rolls by we all put things at the centre of our lives. For some of us it's family, friends or our career. For others it's our house or our well-being. In this series we will discover that true life is only found if Jesus takes centre stage in our lives. Join us on a Sunday at one of our three locations to follow along.

Recommended Reading

The Hope of Glory
Sam Storms



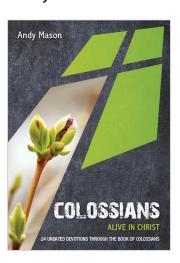
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Colossians, Alive in Christ Andy Mason





Title: The Centre of the Gospel

Speaker: Stuart Jones (City West) Bible Ref: Colossians 2: 9-15

Overview

These verses contain the whole gospel in a few short words. We're forgiven, made alive in Christ, through his death on the Cross and his resurrection. A spiritual 'circumcision' marks our entry into a new life, peeling away our old life, and freeing us to experience both individually and corporately the fullness of Christ. This circumcision is symbolised by and somehow bound up with our baptism, by which we share in and identify with the death and resurrection of Christ. These become ours, and we are clothed in his righteousness.

Fullness

- 1. What does it mean when it says that in Christ all the fullness of God lives in bodily form?
- 2. If it's possible for all of God to be contained in the body of Christ, what might that mean for us?
- 3. How does it change our perspective to know that we have been brought to fullness in Christ?

Circumcision

- 1. Circumcision marked the Jewish people as the people of God under the 'old' covenant with Abraham. How can we understand baptism in a similar way as marking out the people of God under the 'new' covenant in Christ?
- 2. What does spiritual circumcision look/feel like?
- 3. What is its effect?
- 4. Have you been baptised?

Alive

- 1. How is being alive in Christ different to being dead in our sins?
- 2. When did God make you alive in Christ?

Forgiven

- 1. The charge of indebtedness against you has been forgiven. What happened to it?
- 2. If it was nailed to the Cross, in Christ, who has it now?
- 3. If you've been forgiven, who will condemn you? Romans 8.33-34 "Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. 34 Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us."