

Discussion Guide for Colossians 2:12

Baptized into Freedom

1. Read Colossians 2:8-15 and then briefly review the sermon outline.

(Outline review target time is five minutes or less.)

What parts of Saturday's lesson did you find helpful, enlightening, unclear, or troubling?

2. Truth: The "old you" is dead and the "new you" is alive because of your saving connection (baptism) with the Holy Spirit. God's people are freed to powerfully serve God in the world. The impact that God made in the world through the baptism of the Holy Spirit is the primary focus of the book of Acts.

Read Matthew 3:4-12

- What is the good promise in this passage?
- What does the barn illustration teach us about the results of being baptized with the Holy Spirit?

Read Acts 1:1-9

- What promise does Jesus remind the disciples of about?
- Why is the coming of the Holy Spirit so important?

Read Acts 2:1-6

- What promise was being fulfilled here?
- How does Peter explain it to the crowd in 2:17 and 2:32?
- What is Peter's promise to those listening in Acts 2:37-39?
- What happened to those who believed in 2:41?

Read Acts 9:17-19

- What were the two promises 9:17?
- What two words are used to describe the fulfillments of the two promises in 9:18?

Read Acts 11:15-18

- What was the sure proof that the Gentile had truly been saved and were a legitimate part of Christ's church?
- How does this connect with the barn illustration in Matthew 3:12?