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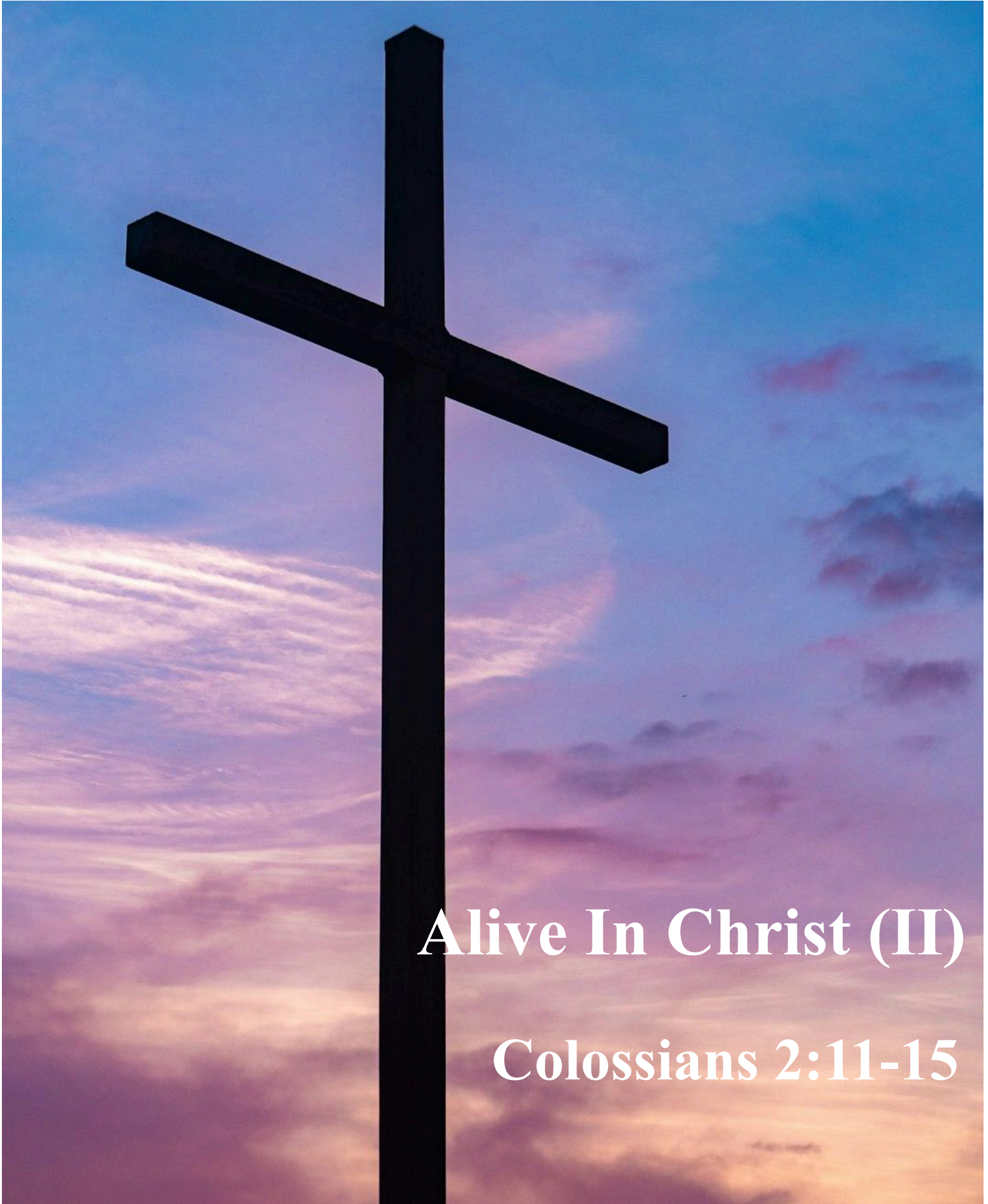
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Alive In Christ (II)

Colossians 2:11-15

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# Welcome to CBC

We are excited for you to join us in worship today. Our prayer is that through the singing of gospel truths, hearing the scriptures proclaimed, and being around the saints, you will leave edified and equipped to live on mission with God for His glory.

Preparation                      1 Chronicles 16:8-10 (CSB)

Welcome                         Ray Yu

Adoration                      Today Is The Day  
My Heart Is Yours  
None But Jesus

Prayer                             Laura Moon

Scripture                        Colossians 2:11-15 (ESV)  
Larry Joe

Proclamation                 Alive In Christ (Part II)  
Tim Eng

Response                        Living For Jesus

Offertory Prayer                Larry Joe

Announcements                Tim Eng

Benediction                     Tim Eng

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## Colossians 2:11-15 (ESV)

**11** In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, **12** having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. **13** And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, **14** by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. **15** He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

### Notes

Heart of the message: “Exploring what it means for a Christian to live a daily life in Christ that is spiritually fulfilling.”

# Pastor's Word by Pastor Donald Gardner

## “I Hate Change!”

Truly, I do hate change.....”sort of!” There is great security and comfort in being with old friends in similar surroundings, where I am less likely to make cultural or linguistic mistakes. Yet, that is not what God called me to do. He didn't call me to be safe, comfortable, or settled. My missionary life of 35+ years has had me make a fool of myself many more times than you can imagine! Indeed, He hasn't called most of us to this type of “clean and safe” life.

We live in a world of constant changes. Whether we like this or not, it doesn't change the reality of the picture. When we think of the church, we must consider that CBC started 70 years ago. It is not, nor should it be, the same church that exists today. Everything around us is different from how things were 70 years ago. (I can still remember paying 20 cents per gallon for gasoline.) Indeed, things differ from what existed 20 years back, 10 years back, or even 3 years ago! Yet, all too many Christians spend their every waking effort to retain the church that they remember from years past, without any regard for the fact that “survival of the church” need not be our goal! The church is to be relevant in its service and never focused on just existing or survival!

II Cor. 11:23-28 says of Paul, “I have worked harder than others, been in prison more often, received the 39 lashes, been beaten with rods, been stoned, been shipwrecked, been in danger of my countrymen, been in danger in cities, countryside, and from all types of people, been cold and naked, etc.” Changes come to us all. Struggles and challenges come to us all. We tend to think that we want to be in God's Will because it will be “safe and secure” but what God means by “safe and secure” may well be different than what we expect. Paul suffered, experienced persecution, and was clearly in God's Will. When we pray for God's Will and safety, we may well not fully understand what it is that we dare to request!

### Announcements

- **In Observance of Grandparents Day, No lunch fellowship today.**
- **Deacon Ordination Service** will be held on Sunday, Sept 29, 2024 at 12:30 pm in the Sanctuary, followed by a lunch celebration at 1:30 pm in the FLC. The invitation is open for everyone to come.

We would like to invite our visitors to consider joining the CBC family as members. If you are interested, a one- hour class will be held by one of our Pastoral Staff with information about CBC beliefs, mission, baptism and ministries. You will also have an opportunity to share your testimony and ask questions. Please fill out the membership application form: <https://forms.gle/CrJOikEDGwpoLZgK6> or contact the office for more questions.

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