














































































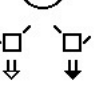





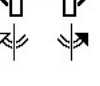
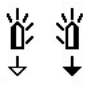

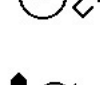
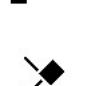

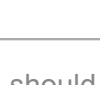


































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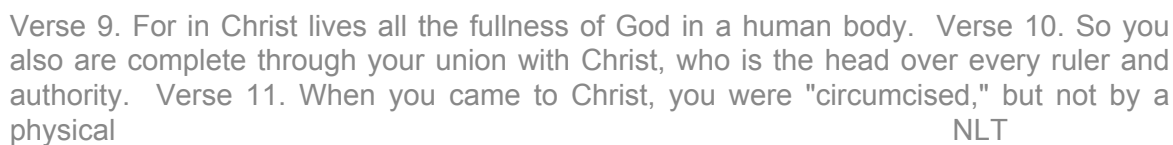
them to have complete confidence that they understand God's mysterious plan, which is Christ himself. Verse 3. In him lie hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Verse 4. I am telling you this so no one will deceive you with well-crafted arguments. Verse 5. For though I am far away from you, my heart is with you. And I rejoice NLT

               	               	               	               
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21 that you are living as you should and that your faith in Christ is strong. Verse 6. And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. Verse 7. Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives

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be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness. Verse 8. Don't let anyone capture you with empty philosophies and high-sounding nonsense that come from human thinking and from the spiritual powers of this world, rather than from Christ. NLT



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procedure. Christ performed a spiritual circumcision -- the cutting away of your sinful nature. Verse 12. For you were buried with Christ when you were baptized. And with him you were raised to new life because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead.

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Verse 13. You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins. Verse 14. He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross.

































































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












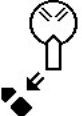








Verse 17. For these rules are only shadows of the reality yet to come. And Christ himself is that reality. Verse 18. Don't let anyone condemn you by insisting on pious self-denial or the worship of angels, saying they have had visions about these things. NLT

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Verse 20. You have died with Christ, and he has set you free from the spiritual powers of this world. So why do you keep on following the rules of the world, such as, Verse 21. "Don't handle! Don't taste! Don't touch!"? Verse 22. Such rules are mere human teachings about things that deteriorate as we use them. NLT

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Verse 23. These rules may seem wise because they require strong devotion, pious self-denial, and severe bodily discipline. But they provide no help in conquering a person's evil desires.

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