



**2:5 'orderly' and 'firm'**

**v.6,7 'continue... rooted and built up'**

**v.7 'overflowing with thankfulness'**

**See 2 Chronicles 20:17-22, King Jehoshaphat.**

**v.8 “See to it that no one takes you captive...”**

**V.9,10 “...you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the Head over every power and authority.”**

**v.11 “In him you were also circumcised, in the putting off of the sinful nature” (the flesh)**

**v.12 “...buried with him in baptism and raised with him through your faith”**

**v.13 “God made you alive with Christ.”**

**v.13,14 “He forgave us all our sins... cancelled the written code... nailing it to the cross.”**

Deut. 21:23 – *“anyone who is hung on a tree is under God’s curse”*

“Tetelestai” – It is finished

1 John 1:9 *“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”*

**V.15 “And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross”**

**Conversation starter:**

Do you ever worry about the past catching up with you?

Sunday 4 June

# Nailing our past

Colossians 2:6—15

No  
greater  
hope

## Growth Group Questions

You will find it helpful to have heard the talk so why not listen at:

<http://leightonbaptists.org.uk/media-links/current-teaching/>

*Some of these questions are personal and others are more general. Feel free to pick and choose which questions your group will find most helpful.*

1. How do the images of being 'rooted', 'built up' and 'overflowing' challenge you in your faith? v.7
2. Read 2 Chronicles 20:17-22. How might this encourage someone to give thanks?
3. Read verse 8. How can you 'see to it' or ensure that you aren't deceived?
4. Can you think of man-made traditions or practices with a spiritual root that Christians and non-Christians might mistakenly see as harmless?
5. Read verses 8-10. What do you think it means for Christ to be 'the Head over every power and authority'?
6. Read Genesis 3:1-13. How does the serpent deceive Adam and Eve? Why is it both a clever and yet hollow deception?
7. Read Col.2:11-12. How is Jewish circumcision like a signpost that points to Baptism? What is their connection to the sinful nature / flesh?
8. How does baptism show we are united with Christ?
9. Read verses 14 and 15. How should the knowledge that the enemy has been disarmed change the way we live?
10. Do you sometimes feel the need to confess a past mistake over and over again? How can these verses help?

Take some time to pray on your own and as a group. This might involve confession, repentance and a commitment to stand firm. Give thanks!