

**MORE THAN MEET THE EYE:**

**PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL  
CIRCUMCISION**

**ROMANS 2:25-29**

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**<sup>25</sup> For circumcision is indeed profitable if you keep the law; but if you are a breaker of the law, your circumcision has become uncircumcision.**

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**<sup>26</sup> Therefore, if an uncircumcised man keeps the righteous requirements of the law, will not his uncircumcision be counted as circumcision?**

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**<sup>27</sup>And will not the physically uncircumcised, if he fulfills the law, judge you who, even with your written code and circumcision, are a transgressor of the law?**

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**28 For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh;**

## **Romans 2:25-29**

**29 but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not from men but from God.**

# Some facts about circumcision

- Circumcision: The removal of foreskin
- Berit milah": "Covenant of circumcision"
- Males on the eighth day after birth
- Baby given his Hebrew name (see Lk. 1:21)
- Mohel: The person who performs a ritual circumcision
- Abraham was circumcised at the age of 99 (Gen. 17:24)
- Jesus was circumcised (Luke 1:21)
- Paul was circumcised (Philipp. 3:5)

## **ABRAHAMIC COVENANT (Gen. 17:9-14)**

**<sup>9</sup> And God said to Abraham: “As for you, you shall keep **My covenant**, you and your descendants after you throughout their generations. <sup>10</sup> This is **My covenant** which you shall keep, between Me and you and your descendants after you: **Every male child among you shall be circumcised;****



# **ABRAHAMIC COVENANT (Gen. 17:9-14)**

**<sup>11</sup> and you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between Me and you. <sup>12</sup> He who is eight days old among you shall be circumcised, every male child in your generations, he who is born in your house or bought with money from any foreigner who is not your descendant.**

## **ABRAHAMIC COVENANT (Gen. 17:9-14)**

**<sup>13</sup> He who is born in your house and he who is bought with your money must be circumcised, and My covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant.**

**<sup>14</sup> And the uncircumcised male child, who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin, that person shall be cut off from his people; he has broken My covenant.”** **Genesis 17:9-14 (NASB)**

# **CIRCUMCISION IN THE FLESH**

**THE SIGN OF THE COVENANT  
BETWEEN GOD AND ABRAHAM AND  
HIS DESCENDANTS**

**SEE GENESIS 17:9-14**

# **CIRCUMCISION IN THE FLESH**

**A SIGN OF JEWISH NATIONAL AND  
RELIGIOUS IDENTITY**

# THE PROBLEM

**INSTEAD OF BEING A STIMULUS  
FOR OBEDIENCE, CIRCUMCISION  
BECAME A SUBSTITUTE FOR  
OBEDIENCE.**

# **LIFE TRUTH**

**OBEDIENCE TO GOD WITHOUT  
RELIGIOUS RITUALS IS MORE  
PROFITABLE THAN RELIGIOUS  
RITUALS WITHOUT OBEDIENCE  
TO GOD.**

**See Romans 2:25-27**

# **A TRUE JEW & TRUE CIRCUMCISION (ROM. 2:28-29)**

**28 For he is not a **Jew** who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh;**

**29 but he is a **Jew** who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not from men but from God.**

# **HEART CIRCUMCISION (ROM. 2:28-29)**

**HEART CIRCUMCISION HAS  
ALWAYS BEEN GOD'S WILL FOR  
HIS PEOPLE.**

**See Deut. 10:16; 30:6; Col. 2:11**



## Deutoronmy 10:15-16

<sup>15</sup> The LORD delighted only in your fathers, to love them; and He chose their descendants after them, you above all peoples, as it is this day.

<sup>16</sup> Therefore circumcise the foreskin of your heart, and be stiff-necked no longer.

# Deuteronomy 30:4-6

<sup>4</sup> If any of you are driven out to the farthest parts under heaven, from there the LORD your God will gather you, and from there He will bring you. <sup>5</sup> Then the LORD your God will bring you to the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it. He will prosper you and multiply you more than your fathers. <sup>6</sup> **And the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants,** to love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.

# Colossians 2:11-12

<sup>11</sup> In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, **by the circumcision of Christ,** <sup>12</sup> buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

# **LIFE TRUTH**

**A PERSON'S RELATIONSHIP WITH  
GOD IS NOT BASED ON THEIR  
NATIONAL OR RELIGIOUS IDENTITY.**

# **LIFE TRUTH**

**THE SUPREME SIGN OF THE TRUE  
PEOPLE OF GOD IS A HEART THAT  
IS CHANGED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.**