

The True Circumcision

1) The Covenant of Circumcision

Leviticus 12:3

“On the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised.”

Galatians 5:3

“And I testify again to every man who receives circumcision, that he is under obligation to keep the whole Law.”

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- 2) The Condemnation upon the Circumcised

Matthew 12:38-41

“Then some of the scribes and Pharisees said to Him, ‘Teacher, we want to see a sign from You.’ But He answered and said to them, ‘An evil and adulterous generation craves for a sign; and yet no sign will be given to it but the sign of Jonah the prophet; for just as JONAH WAS THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS IN THE BELLY OF THE SEA MONSTER, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

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“The men of Nineveh will stand up with this generation at the judgment, and will condemn it because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and behold, something greater than Jonah is here.”

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Philippians 3:5-6

“Circumcised the eighth day, of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the Law, a Pharisee, as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to the righteousness which is in the Law, found blameless.”

Galatians 5:6

“For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything, but faith working through love.”

Galatians 6:15–16

“For neither is circumcision anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. And those who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.”

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3) Characteristics of the True Circumcision

- a. They Revere Almighty God

Acts 16:11-14

“So putting out to sea from Troas, we ran a straight course to Samothrace, and on the day following to Neapolis; and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia, a Roman colony; and we were staying in the city for some days. And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to a riverside, where we were supposing that there would be a place of prayer; and we sat down and began speaking to the women who had assembled. A woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple fabrics, *a worshiper of God.*”

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- a. They Revere Almighty God
- b. They Revel in Jesus Christ

Psalm 115:1

“Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to Your name give glory because of Your lovingkindness, because of Your truth.”

Jeremiah 9:23–24

“Thus says the LORD, ‘Let not a wise man boast of his wisdom, and let not the mighty man boast of his might, let not a rich man boast of his riches; but let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the LORD who exercises righteousness on earth, for I delight in these things,’ declares the LORD.”

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- a. They Revere Almighty God
- b. They Revel in Jesus Christ
- c. They Reject their Sinful Flesh

Romans 7:18

“For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; for the willing is present in me, but the doing of the good is not.”

Romans 8:5–6

“For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace.”

Romans 8:7-8

“Because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.”

Romans 8:12-14

“So then, brethren, we are under obligation, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh – for if you live according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.”