

New Covenant Circumcision

Jewish Circumcision

Far More than a Physical Act

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- ▶ Required for one to participate in God's covenant with Abraham and the Jews – Gen. 17
- ▶ Was far more than a physical action.
 - ▶ It required circumcision of the *heart* – Ezek. 44:6-7, 9
 - ▶ It required total *obedience* to the Law – Gal. 5:3
 - ▶ It required *purity* of life with the penalty of destruction for disobedience – Jer. 9; Rm. 2:25



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A Spiritual Circumcision made without Hands

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- ▶ Like the Jews, our salvation involves entering the covenant of God – Heb. 9:15; 2 Cor. 3:5-6
- ▶ Like the Jews, our covenant relationship begins in circumcision – Col. 2:11-12; Rom. 6:3-4, 5-6, 12
- ▶ Like the Jews, those truly circumcised today have a circumcised heart – Rom. 2:28-29



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A Circumcision of the Heart

- ▶ It is more than changing certain actions.
- ▶ It is a willingness to hear God's word and obey it from the heart – Acts 7:51-53; 1 Cor. 7:18-19
- ▶ It requires living by a different code – Phil. 3:2-3
 - ▶ Worship God in Spirit – Col. 3:16
 - ▶ Rejoice in Jesus Christ – 1 Cor. 1:30
 - ▶ Have no confidence in the flesh – 1 Cor. 15:10



Conclusion

- ▶ You must honestly examine yourself to see if you have been circumcised of heart.
- ▶ It will be determined by...
 - ▶ Your attitude toward the righteousness God demands
 - ▶ Your actions in comparison to God demands
- ▶ Consider the words of Moses – Deut. 10:12-13, 16
- ▶ Will you come to Jesus today?

