

CIRCUMCISION

The word of God must be “rightly divided.” How else can we explain from the Bible that God commands man to keep the “law of Moses” and be circumcised, and in another scripture, he makes commandments to man that circumcision or uncircumcision availeth nothing. Man can be 100% scriptural and yet be 100% wrong.

Circumcision thoughts...

The “gospel of the uncircumcision” compared with the “gospel of the circumcision.”
Galatians 2:7 *But contrariwise, when they saw that the gospel of the uncircumcision was committed unto me (the apostle Paul), as the gospel of the circumcision was unto Peter;*

Moses was raised up by God for Israel, (like Paul was raised up for us). He was raised up to be Israel’s prince and ruler, and to be the giver of the law. As such he gave Israel circumcision.

Galatians 2:9 And when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given unto me, they gave to me (Paul) and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship; that we should go unto the heathen (Gentiles-Uncircumcision), and they unto the circumcision.

Circumcision is an issue

The Lord spake unto Moses in “time past” saying... speak unto the children of Israel..

John 7:21-22

21 Jesus answered and said unto them, I have done one work, and ye all marvel.

22 Moses therefore gave unto you circumcision; (not because it is of Moses, but of the fathers;) and ye on the sabbath day circumcise a man.

Luke 2:21 And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Circumcision not an issue

The Lord spake unto Paul in “BUT NOW” dispensation for today.

Galatians 1:1 Paul, an apostle, (not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised him from the dead;).

Galatians 5:1-4,6

1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

2 Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing.

3 For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law.

4 Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.

6 For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.

Romans 10:4 *For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.*

IN OUR IDENTIFICATION WITH CHRIST...

- **We are complete in Christ;**
- **We are circumcised without hands in putting off the body of the sins of our flesh in Christ;**
- **We are buried with him;**
- **We are risen with him;**
- **All the handwriting of ordinances imposed by the law of Moses are blotted out;**
- **All our sins are forgiven by Christ's Cross.**
- **WE ARE COMPLETE IN CHRIST.**

Colossians 2:9 For in him (CHRIST) dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:

11 In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ:

12 Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;

14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;

15 And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

God wants man to believe; God wants man to know the truth.

I Timothy 2:4 (God) Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

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