

## Circumcision of the Heart

[Deuteronomy 10:12-17](#) Now, Israel, **what does Yahweh{Jehovah} your God require of you**, but to fear Yahweh your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, and to **serve Yahweh your God with all your heart and with all your soul**, 13 **to keep Yahweh's commandments and statutes**, which I command you today for your good? 14 Behold, to Yahweh your God belongs heaven, the heaven of heavens, and the earth, with all that is therein. 15 Only Yahweh had a delight in your fathers to love them, and he chose their offspring after them, even you above all peoples, as it is today. 16 **Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart**, and be no more stiff-necked. 17 For Yahweh your God, he is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, the mighty, and the awesome, who doesn't respect persons or take bribes.

[Deuteronomy 30:6-10](#) **Yahweh your God will circumcise your heart, and the heart of your offspring, to love Yahweh your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.** 7 Yahweh your God will put all these curses on your enemies and on those who hate you, who persecuted you. 8 You shall return and obey Yahweh's voice, and do all his commandments which I command you today. 9 Yahweh your God will make you prosperous in all the work of your hand, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your ground, for good; for Yahweh will again rejoice over you for good, as he rejoiced over your fathers, 10 if you will obey Yahweh your God's voice, to keep his commandments and his statutes which are written in this book of the law{*Heb. to-raw'*}, **if you turn to Yahweh your God with all your heart and with all your soul.**

[1 Samuel 16:5-7](#) He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to Yahweh. Sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice." He sanctified Jesse and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice. 6 When they had come, he looked at Eliab, and said, "Surely Yahweh's anointed is before him." 7 But Yahweh said to Samuel, **"Don't look on his face, or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for I don't see as man sees. For man looks at the outward appearance, but Yahweh looks at the heart."**

[Jeremiah 4:4-18](#) Circumcise yourselves to Yahweh, and **take away the foreskins of your heart**, you men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem; lest my wrath go out like fire, and burn so that no one can quench it, because of the evil of your doings. ... 14 Jerusalem, **wash your heart from wickedness**, that you may be saved. How long will your evil thoughts lodge within you? ... 18 "Your way and your doings have brought these things to you. **This is your wickedness, for it is bitter, for it reaches to your heart.**"

[Jeremiah 31:33-34](#) But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith Jehovah: **I will put my law in their inward parts, and in their heart will I write it**; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 And they shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know Jehovah; for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith Jehovah: for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin will I remember no more.

[Ezekiel 36:26-27](#) **A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you; and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh.** 27 And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep mine ordinances, and do them.

[Matthew 23:25-28](#) Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye cleanse the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full from extortion and excess. 26 Thou blind Pharisee, **cleanse first the inside of the cup**{symbol of the heart} **and of the platter, that the outside thereof may become clean also.** 28 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which outwardly appear beautiful, but inwardly are full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness. 28 Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but **inwardly**{in your heart} **ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.**

[Acts 15:8-9](#) **God knows people's hearts**, and he confirmed that he accepts Gentiles by giving them the Holy Spirit( [Acts10:44-48](#) ), just as he did to us. 9 He made no distinction between us and them, for **he cleansed their hearts through faith.**

[Romans 2:28-29](#) For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, neither is that circumcision which is outward in the flesh 29 but **he is a Jew who is one inwardly**{in the heart}; and **circumcision is that of the heart**, in the spirit not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.

[Ephesians 2:11-14](#) Don't forget that you Gentiles used to be outsiders. You were called "uncircumcised heathens" by the Jews, who were proud of their circumcision, even though **it affected only their bodies and not their hearts.** 12 In those days you were living apart from Christ. You were excluded from citizenship among the people of Israel, and you did not know the covenant promises God had made to them. You lived in this world without God and without hope. But **now you have been united with Messiah Yeshua. Once you were far away from God, but now you have been brought near to him through the blood of Messiah.** 14 For Messiah himself has brought peace to us. **He united Jews and Gentiles into one people** when, in his own body on the cross, he broke down the wall of hostility that separated us.

[Philippians 3:2-3](#) Beware of the dogs, beware of the evil workers, beware of the concision: 3 for **we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God, and glory in Christ Jesus**, and have no confidence in the flesh:

[Colossians 2:8-13](#) Take heed lest there shall be any one that maketh spoil of you through his philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ: 9 for in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily, 10 and in him{Christ} ye are made full, who is the head of all principality and power: 11 in whom **ye were also circumcised with a circumcision not made with hands, in the putting off of the body of the flesh, in the circumcision of Christ; 12 having been buried with him in baptism, wherein ye were also raised with him through faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead. 13 And you, being dead through your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, you, I say, did he make alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses;**

[Galatians 3:26-29](#) For you are all children of God through faith in Messiah Yeshua. 27 For as many of **you as were immersed**{baptized by immersion} **into Messiah have put on Messiah.** 28 There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For **you are all one in Messiah Yeshua.** 29 **If you are Messiah's, then you are Abraham's offspring and heirs according to promise.**

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Desiring to live by every word that comes from the mouth of Jehovah ( [Deut8:3; Matt4:4](#) )

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