



Heart Operation

Classic Rock – Part 4

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Romans 2:25-29

Romans 2:25-29 *25 For circumcision indeed is of value if you obey the law, but if you break the law, your circumcision becomes uncircumcision. 26 So, if a man who is uncircumcised keeps the precepts of the law, will not his uncircumcision be regarded² as circumcision? 27 Then he who is physically³ uncircumcised but keeps the law will condemn you who have the written code⁴ and circumcision but break the law. 28 For no one is a Jew who is merely one outwardly, nor is circumcision outward and physical. 29 But a Jew is one inwardly, and circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter. His praise is not from man but from God. (ESV)*

I. The Circumcised:

Genesis 17:10-12 *This is My covenant, which you shall keep, between Me and you and your descendants after you: every male among you shall be circumcised. And you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskin, and it shall be the sign of the covenant between Me and you.*

Deuteronomy 30:6 *And the Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your offspring, so that you will love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.*

A. _____ B. _____ C. _____

II. The Uncircumcised:

Ephesians 2:11-13 *¹¹ Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands—¹² remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.*

II. The True Circumcised:

John 15:2 *Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.*

NEW HEART OF THE TRUE CIRCUMCISED:

A. Deep Humility

Ephesians 2:8-9 *For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.*

B. Steadfast Faith

1 Corinthians 15:58 *Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.*

C. Radical Love

Galatians 5:6 *For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.*

1 Corinthians 13 *If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.*

Point:

Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!

1. How are you doing? How are things with your soul?
2. Are you spiritually circumcised? Do you want to be spiritually circumcised? What circumcision have you had recently?
3. Do you show your faith more through your words or deeds? How can you balance both of these expressions of your faith?
4. What spiritual practices do you maintain to “circumcise your heart”?
5. Do you have faith in Christ? What way does your faith journey communicate the Gospel?
6. What things would you say God is pleased with in your life? Do they bring praise to God?

