

## CIRCUMCISION OF THE HEART

**Deut 30:6** — And the Lord your God will *circumcise your heart* and the heart of your descendants, to love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.

**Deut 10:16** — Therefore *circumcise the foreskin of your heart*, and be stiff-necked [rebellious] no longer.

**Lev 26:40-41** — But if they confess their iniquity and... if their *uncircumcised hearts* are humbled, and they accept their guilt—then I will remember my covenant with Isaac.

**Jer 4:4** — Circumcise yourselves to the Lord, and take away the *foreskins of your hearts*.

**Jer 9:26** — ...all the house of Israel are *uncircumcised in the heart*.

**Acts 15:1, 2, 19, 20** — And certain men came down from Judea and taught the brethren, “Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.” Therefore when Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and dispute with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas and certain others of them should go up to Jerusalem, to the apostles and elders, about this question. [The decision:] “Therefore I judge that we should not trouble those from among the Gentiles who are turning to God, but that we write to them to abstain from things polluted by idols, from sexual immorality, from things strangled, and from blood.

**1 Cor 7:18, 19** — Was anyone called while circumcised? Let him not become uncircumcised. Was anyone called while uncircumcised? Let him not be circumcised. Circumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is nothing, but keep-

ing the commandments of God is what matters.

**Rom 2:25-29** — For circumcision is indeed profitable if you keep the law; but if you are a breaker of the law, your circumcision has become uncircumcision. Therefore, if an uncircumcised man keeps the righteous requirements of the law, will not his uncircumcision be counted as circumcision? And will not the physically uncircumcised, if he fulfills the law, judge you who, even with your written code and circumcision, are a transgressor of the law? For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is that circumcision which is outward in the flesh; but he is a Jew who is one inwardly, and *circumcision is that of the heart*, in the Spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not from men but from God.

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