

Galatians 5:2~ See! I, Paul, am telling you that if you become circumcised, Christ will be of no benefit to you.

1· Now Paul makes a serious fLaw in his thinking, for circumcision is not part of the Law Covenant, but came prior to it by some 430 years. Also circumcision was part of a covenant, that even he acknowledged in this very letter, was still in effect, and the only visible sign of that covenant, was circumcision in the flesh. (**Genesis 17:1-14**) Under it, anyone not getting circumcised, was a covenant breaker, and should be put to death.

[Question] What is wrong with the thinking of Paul here, for where did the circumcision come from, and what covenant is it the seal of?

[Question] What was anyone not getting himself circumcised in the flesh, considered before God?

2· This covenant of (**Genesis 17:1-14**) was with Abraham's true seed, who he also acknowledges is Christ Jesus, the Greater than Isaac, and the anointed sons of God, of which he is one. Circumcision is therefore binding upon true Christians today, and it is not superseded by the fact, that they have the circumcision of the heart by spirit. It is in fact an outward sign denoting what they already have on the inside through their hearts. In the same manner as a cutting away of the flesh through circumcision reveals, what is otherwise hidden. It is binding upon all the offspring of the Greater Abraham, Yehowah God, and especially upon those who are the spiritual seed of the Greater Isaac, Jesus Christ.

[Question] Who does even Paul acknowledge was the promised seed of Abraham, to whom this covenant applied?

[Question] What then, is binding upon anointed Christians today, and is this superseded by the fact, that they have the circumcision of the heart by spirit?

[Question] What then, does circumcision reveal, by the cutting away of the flesh?

[Question] Who was the spiritual seed of Abraham in fulfillment, and what then is binding upon all anointed Christians?

3· Paul's argument here hinges upon the circumcision being a pattern of the Law Covenant, which it is not, as has been clearly shown here. Paul was correct to say, that men practicing the

things of the Law Covenant were rejecting Christ, by trying to be declared righteous through their works, under the Law Covenant.

[Question] What does the validity of Paul's argument here hinge upon, and is this argument really valid?

[Question] What argument was Paul correct in stating about the Law Covenant itself?

3· But this one thing, circumcision is separate from the Law Covenant. Coming before it, and being part of an earlier covenant, and one that pointed to the New Covenant, and not even to the Law Covenant, both of which were then future. There is no correct way to accept what Paul says here. Paul was wrong! Christians must get circumcised in the flesh, and also be circumcised in spirit.

[Question] However, what one thing is separate from the Law Covenant, and came well before it?

[Question] What covenant did the second Abrahamic covenant point forward to?

[Question] What then must we conclude here, about what Paul said then, based upon the Scriptures?

4· And an uncircumcised male who will not get the flesh of his foreskin circumcised, even that soul must be cut off from his people. He has broken my covenant. (Genesis 17:14)

[Question] What was the penalty for not getting circumcised in the flesh, and what was it, a breaking of?

[Question] What did the faithful man Abraham have to do in the way of a work of faith to seal this second covenant with God?

5· And certain men came down from Judea and began to teach the brothers; Unless you get **circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved. (Acts of Apostles 15:1)**

[Question] What did certain men come down from Judea, and tell the congregations?

[Question] As it turns out today, who was correct then?

6· All those who want to make a pleasing appearance in the flesh are the ones that try to compel you to get **circumcised, only that they may not be persecuted for the torture stake of the **Christ**, Jesus (Galatians 6:12)**

[Question] What did Paul many times equate circumcision with?

[Question] Was Christ circumcised, and could circumcision ever be considered, the torture stake of the Christ?

- 7· **Was any man called **circumcised**? Let him not **become** uncircumcised. Has any man been called in uncircumcision? Let him not get **circumcised**. (1 Corinthians 7:18)**

[Question] What command did Paul give, because he felt that circumcision was a part of the Law Covenant?

[Question] Is it fine counsel today, based upon what we now know?

- 8· **For, if the very things that I once threw down, I build up again, I demonstrate myself to be a transgressor. (Galatians 2:18)**

[Question] What would Paul become before others, if the things he saw as wrong, he now took up again?

- 9· **Look out for the dogs, look out for the workers of injury, look out for those who mutilate the flesh. (Philippians 3:2)**

[Question] What did Paul warn them to look out for, probably referring to circumcision?