

## HEART OF CIRCUMCISION

### I. Phil. 3:3 Read

#### A. This passage of scripture reveals the **identity of the Born Again Believer**

1. Israel's identity of being the people of Jehovah God was revealed thru the **covenant of circumcision**: this set Israel apart from all the people of the earth
2. "**We are the CIRCUMCISION**"
  - a. Def Circumcision: the condition.....to cut around
3. The spiritual **identity of a circumcised heart reveals that we are God's Property**:
  - a. 1 Cor 6:20 & 7:23 "Ye are bought with a price"
4. Circumcision also reveals "**the condition of our heart**"
  - a. due to the cutting (spiritual surgery) we are set apart from all other people of the earth
    - (1) due to the cutting away of flesh
    - (2) the mark of God upon our life
    - (3) a covenant relationship with God The father
    - (4) and now are to "glorify God in our bodies" 1 Cor 6:20

#### B. Deeper description of the circumcised heart: Phil 3:3 "**who worship God in the Spirit**"

1. The word: "SPIRIT" is speaking of the Holy Spirit
    - a. Our worship is not in the flesh or a religious spirit
    - b. rather thru the Person, grace, and anointing of the Holy Spirit
  2. Just as we are instructed to Walk in the Spirit (Gal 5:16 & 25), we are to worship in the Spirit:
    - a. Worship is not speaking of formality, outward expression
    - b. It is referring to worshipping God from the depth of our heart / spirit man
  3. Def Worship:
    - a. #1 worship is **ministering to God** thru our singing, dancing, bowing before The Lord, etc.
    - b. #2 "worship" means more than just singing a song: it also means **to serve / to do service**
      - (1) A a circumcised heart has developed a **SERVANTS HEART** Eccl 9:10 & Lk 17:7-10
- ### II. The roots of a circumcised heart starts with **Abraham**: Acts 7:8 & Gen 17:10-12
- A. Vs 11 "It shall be a token / sign of covenant betwixt Me (God) and you"
    1. Circumcision distinguished Abraham and his descendants from the pagan people
  - B. According to vs 8 the males were circumcised on the "**eighth day**"
    1. The number eight is prophetic of: **new beginnings** & purity, cutting away of corruption
  - C. We find Circumcision under the **Mosaic Law**: Lev 12: 1-3 READ
    1. Even while under the law, God was trying to get Israel to see the spiritual principles of Purity & holiness thru the act of circumcision:
      - a. Deut 30:6 "**circumcise your heart**" Ezek 11:19 & Jer 4:4
      2. Col 2:11 "**circumcision made without hands**": spiritual surgery / circumcision of heart
        - a. note: purity & holiness Col 2:11 "putting off the body of sins"
  - D. A child was named at the time they were circumcised, giving them their identity:
    1. Lk 1:59 & Lk 2:21
    2. **We find our identity "In Christ"** : note Col 2:11 "**Circumcision of Christ**"
      - a.1 Cor 5:17 "If anyone is in Christ, he is a **NEW CREATION**, old things have passed away"

### III. Understanding how The Holy Spirit performs the spiritual surgery of circumcision

#### A. Heb 4:12 **The Word of God is the surgeon tool of the Holy Spirit**

1. The Holy Spirit does not perform cosmetic surgery, He cuts deep with the Word of God
  - a. piercing deep to the point of dividing soul from spirit

(1) many Christians walk in their “soulish realm”, and fail to “walk in the Spirit”

#### b. **discerns the thoughts and intentions of our heart**

#### B. It is also important to understand whom the Holy Spirit uses to perform this delicate surgery of circumcision of heart:

1. the Holy Spirit can operate on our hearts any time he chooses all by Himself
2. But, the Holy Spirit also has Heart Surgeons in His Kingdom to perform this spiritual surgery:

#### a. In the Old Testament **FATHERS** circumcised their sons:

(1) Abraham Gen 17:23 & Moses Ex 4:25

#### b. Also, in Lk 1:59 & 2:21 they would bring the male child to the temple and the **PRIESTS** Would circumcise the child

#### c. Today, as your **PASTOR** performs circumcision on your heart as they give you counsel, teach and preach The Word of God: cutting away areas in your life where flesh is still dominating

(1) believers who do not have a “circumcised heart” stay away from the House of God / Local Church because they do not want the Pastor to get them on the Holy Ghost operating table to perform surgery and cut out fleshly tendencies

#### C. **We cannot walk into our destiny, nor fulness of ministry: if we do not have a heart that has been circumcised:** Ex 4:24-26

1. Moses has just returned from a **divine encounter** with God at the burning bush
2. Moses had just received his **prophetic word** about his life and ministry
3. Moses had just received a **fresh anointing** from The Lord
4. Moses had just heard the **voice of God**, received **his calling**, and was about to walk into his **destiny**

#### a. and God meets Moses along the way, and was going to kill him because he had violated the covenant of circumcision

(1) **The issue is not:** are you called, or are you anointed

(2) **The real issue is: ARE YOU ATTEMPTING TO ENTER INTO THE FULLNESS OF WHAT GOD HAS FOR YOU WITHOUT A CIRCUMCISED HEART?**

(A) Are you attempting to get blessed, function in ministry, walk into your destiny

(1) and your living in sin (2) still carnal minded (3) rebellious, unteachable, unsubmitted

(A) If so, somewhere along the way God will meet you and stop you like He did Moses  
And prevent you entering into your destiny

#### D. Josh 5:1-6 ... Before this new generation could enter into their promise land / destiny

1. vs 2 tells us they had to first go thru circumcision

A. many believers standing at their Jordan River: at the edge of their promise land,  
The brink of their destiny / their land of milk and honey

(1) **THE ONLY THING HOLDING THEM BACK IS THE CONDITION OF THEIR HEART**

### III. Phil 3:3 “**NO CONFIDENCE IN THE FLESH**”

A. Gal 2:20 “It is no longer I who lives, but Christ in me”