

YT Video: Circumcision And Baptism

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Text [All quotes are from KJV unless indicated otherwise]

Gen 17:10 *This is my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee; Every man child among you shall be circumcised.*

Gen 17:11 *And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt me and you.*

Gen 17:12 *And he that is eight days old shall be circumcised among you, every man child in your generations, he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, which is not of thy seed.*

Gen 17:13 *He that is born in thy house, and he that is bought with thy money, must needs be circumcised: and my covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant.*

Col 2:10 *And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:*

Col 2:11 *In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ:*

Col 2:12 *Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.*

Col 2:13 *And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;*

I. Physical Circumcision

- a. Covenant given to Abraham
- b. Foreskin of generative organ was cut off: symbolizing the filthy sinful nature
- c. Blood was shed to seal the Covenant but human blood had no redemptive power.
- d. The blood shed prefigured the physical circumcision of Christ
- e. 8th Day: new beginning
- f. Yeshua was circumcised on the 8th Day

Luk 2:21 *And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb.*

II. Yeshua's Physical Circumcision

- a. He shed His blood
- b. He fulfilled the Abrahamic covenant
- c. His circumcision was redemptive
- d. His shed blood at His circumcision was a propitiation to God

- e. He had the generative sinful Adamic nature cut off for all who put their faith in Him

III. Spiritual Circumcision

- a. Was commanded

Deu 10:16 *Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no more stiffnecked.*

Rom 6:12 *Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.*

Rom 6:13 *Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.*

Rom 6:14 *For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.*

- b. Was promised

Deu 30:6 *And the LORD thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live.*

- c. Uncircumcised hearts cannot love God wholeheartedly
- d. Spiritual circumcision is of the heart:

Rom 2:28 *For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh:*

Rom 2:29 *But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.*

- e. No confidence in the flesh

Php 3:3 *For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.*

- f. Able to worship God in the spirit
- g. Rejoice in Yeshua

IV. Circumcision Fulfilled in Christ

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V. Baptism

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Rom 6:3 *Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?*

Rom 6:4 *Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.*

- a. Baptism identifies us with the death and burial of Christ
- b. Likewise, as He rose from the dead, so too we emerge from the baptismal waters with newness of life
- c. Because He lives, we can also live eternally

VI. Household [Oikos] Baptism

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a dwelling (more or less extensive, literally or figuratively); by implication a **family** (more or less related, literally or figuratively): - home, **house (-hold)**, temple.

- a. Cornelius

Act 10:44 *While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.*

Act 10:45 *And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.*

Act 10:46 *For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter,*

Act 10:47 *Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?*

Act 10:48 *And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.*

Note:

Members of Cornelius family, including children, his servants and relatives, friends would have been present and were baptized

- b. Lydia

Act 16:14 *And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.*

Act 16:15 *And when she was baptized, and her **household**, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there. And she constrained us.*

Note:

Lydia believed and were baptized along with her household- family, including children and servants

c. Philippian Jailor

Act 16:25 And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.

Act 16:26 And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.

Act 16:27 And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled.

Act 16:28 But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here.

Act 16:29 Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas,

Act 16:30 And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?

Act 16:31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

Act 16:32 And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house.

*Act 16:33 **And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.***

Note:

Again, we see household baptism

d. Crispus

Act 18:7 And he departed thence, and entered into a certain man's house, named Justus, one that worshipped God, whose house joined hard to the synagogue.

*Act 18:8 And Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, **believed on the Lord with all his house;** and many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized.*

Note:

Another household baptism

e. Stephanus

*1Co 1:16 And **I baptized also the household of Stephanas;** besides, I know not whether I baptized any other.*

Note:

Another household baptism

VII. Faith & Baptism

Act 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Act 2:39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

- a. For adults, clearly faith resulting in repentance is a prerequisite for baptism
- b. Yet, in the cases of Oikos [household] baptisms, the faith of the head of family appears to suffice
- c. To the early Jewish converts, household baptisms arising from the professed faith of the head of family was a familiar covenantal act: the Abrahamic covenant included 8-day old male infants, servants and strangers brought into the household.

VIII. Infant Baptism

1Co 7:13 And the woman which hath an husband that believeth not, and if he be pleased to dwell with her, let her not leave him.

1Co 7:14 For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy.

- a. Paul's statement clearly repeats the covenantal Abrahamic provision
- b. 'holy' is being set apart unto YAHWEH
- c. Neither circumcision nor baptism guarantees salvation
- d. There is no verse in the NT banning infant baptism
- e. Neither is there explicit reference in the NT to infant baptism
- f. My conclusion: churches that permit and those that do not permit infant baptism can claim validity

IX. Summary

- a. Believers in Christ are circumcised in heart
- b. Physical circumcision for male infants is no longer needed
- c. For the Jews, the Apostle Paul allowed the circumcision of male infants
- d. In baptism the old Adamic sinful nature [the flesh] is buried with Christ
- e. The baptized person arises in newness of life- the life of Christ

Paul declared:

Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.