

My higher calling

²⁵ Circumcision has value if you observe the law, but if you break the law, your circumcision has become uncircumcision.

²⁶ If a man who is not circumcised keeps the requirements of the Law, will not his uncircumcision be regarded as circumcision? ²⁷ The one who is physically uncircumcised yet keeps the law will condemn you who, even though you have the written code and circumcision, are a lawbreaker.

²⁸ A man is not a Jew because he is one outwardly, nor is circumcision only outward and physical. ²⁹ No, a man is a Jew because he is one inwardly, and circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the written code. Such a man's praise does not come from men, but from God.

Romans 2:25-29

How to spiritual. 2:25

People look at how you 25a
 1 Sam 16:7. People judge by...
 John 7:24. Stop judging by...

People look at what you 25b
 Rom 2:23-24. God's name is...

How to spiritual. 2:26-27

Appearance is about 26
 Psa 119:4. We should keep them...
 Appearance is about 27
 Josh 1:8. meditate... do...
 John 15:18. they hated Me...

How to spiritually. 2:28-29

Growth happens, inside 2:29a
 Prov 4:23. Guard your...
 Luke 6:45. overflow of...
 Phil 4:8-9. Whatever is...

Growth happens, outside 2:29b

The Spirit seals our
 Eph 1:3. Eph 4:30
 The Spirit helps us
 Jude 1:20. Rom 8:26-27
 The Spirit helps us be
 Gal 5:22-23. Rom 15:13

The Spirit equips us to
 1 Cor 12:7

My prayer priorities for this week

- S 8 Jim & Rosalie. Myanmar morning tea
- M 9 Ian & Eleanor. Church Council, 7:30 pm
- T 10 Mary F
- W 11 Jean H. Deeper at Diggers, 11 am
- T 12 May & Peter. Taina
- F 13 Our 1,120 YouTube subscribers
- S 14 Paula & Paul
- S 15 Diane J

Thought starters for personal reflection or group discussion.

1. Why do you think God chose such an intimate sign as circumcision for the covenant with Abraham?
2. How important is circumcision today, 1 Corinthians 7:18b-19, Galatians 5:2-6?
3. What signs of salvation do we have today?
4. Based on v28-29a, are you Jewish; why or why not?
5. Read the second half of v29. From whom do you prefer praise?
6. Why would God praise a person; why would He praise you?
7. Which of the following roles of the Holy Spirit is most significant for you? a) Sealing our redemption (Eph. 1:13, Eph.4:30) b) Helping us pray (Jude 1:20, Rom.8:26-27) c) making us Christlike (Gal.5:22-23, Rom.15:13) d) Giving gifts to serve (1Cor.12:7)

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