

ROMANS 10 – 2:24-29

True Circumcision

1. 2:24

- a. God's name blasphemed because Israel did not reign – Isaiah 52:1-5
- b. God's holy name is profaned, the new covenant for his name sake - Eze 36:19-38
- c. The church should also represent God's grace responsibly-1 Tim 6:1, Titus 2:5, 2:8
- d. Israel had the law and were circumcised before God ... but they sinned - 2:12

2. 2:25

- a. Circumcision was a token of the covenant of blessing – Genesis 17:1-14
- b. The profit of circumcision is in doing the law they teach - Rom 2:17-20, 3:2
- c. "if thou keep the law" which they didn't under the OT, but will in NT - Jer 31:31
- d. "made uncircumcision" – they could be cut off - Gen 17:14, Num 15:30, Acts 7:51

3. 2:26-27

- a. "keep the righteousness" – which the covenant allowed – Gen 12:3-4, Num 15:16
- b. "counted for circumcision" that is obedience to covenant– Ruth 2:5-12, Mat 8:9-12
- c. Not the bodily circumcision, but the spiritual circumcision matters Deut 10:12-16
- d. Heart circumcision separates the sinful heart from the obedient heart
- e. A righteous judgment does not respect persons – Rom 2:11-12
- f. "letter and circumcision" – they are found transgressors by the book and the sign
- g. Uncircumcised (in heart) Israel would be judged – Jer 9:25-26

4. 28-29

- a. "not a Jew" – if only a Jew outwardly, this is not a rejection of God's promise.
- b. Not all of Israel is true Israel – Rom 9:6-8; Luke 12:32; Mat 21:43
- c. Typical of Jesus' earthly ministry to Israel - Mat 3:9, John 8:39-40
- d. A real Jew is described in John 1:44-47 and Matt 6:6
- e. "outwardly" in the flesh vs. "inwardly" which is the spirit
- f. "circumcision of the heart" which is their willful obedience to God - Deut 30:1-8
- g. "in the letter" – keeping the law rites only without the heart – John 4:23-24
- h. The greatest commandment is to love God with your heart – Mat 22:36-40
- i. They were outwardly clean, but inwardly unclean – Mat 23:1-11, 23-26
- j. No one escapes God's judgment, Jew or Gentile, circumcision or uncircumcision

5. Our Circumcision

- a. Grace circumcision is not dependent on our obedience to the law – Rom 4:5
- b. Paul says circumcision nor law avails anything – Rom 3:20-21, Gal 5:6
- c. Our separation from the old man is part of the mystery not the law – Col 2:11
- d. We are not spiritual Israel, but rather a "new creature" – Eph 2:15, 2 Cor 5:17