

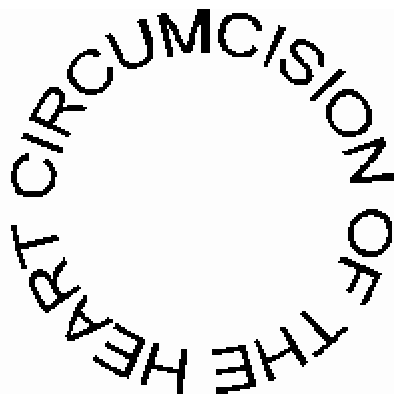


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The restoration of the circumcision of the heart is swiftly approaching us at this time. There are early signs at hand which indicate that the time is near; perhaps it is already here.

Some friends are giving testimony that they have received the circumcision of the heart.

A recent conversation went something like this.

Q. What is the circumcision of the heart?

A. The circumcision of the heart is an operation of our God that will remove the sin nature from the believer/receiver.

Q. I'm already saved. Didn't Jesus re-move my sin nature.?

A. I can't find any scripture that says He did. The Bible says he paid the penalty for and covered your past sins. That's not the same as removing the sin nature that makes us goof up. Do you know any place where it says Jesus removed your sin nature?

Q. No I don't. But I thought it did. Is that why I still get bad thoughts, and do bad things, even after I am saved?

A. Yes. That assumes you want to do right. But you goof up. We are not talking about the cases in the lives of Christians when they plan to do wrong.

Q. But how about the Holy Spirit? I have heard that the Holy Spirit is presently saving my soul. Won't that remove my sin nature?

A. No. The Holy Spirit engrafts the word of God to save your soul, that is, change your mind, so you think right thoughts.

There is a difference between changing your mind about things and the removal of the sin nature that made you think the thought or do the deed. The purpose of the Holy Spirit is to make your mind think right. The purpose of the circumcision of the heart is to remove your basic animal nature that makes you react wrong without thinking. Most Christians choose to act right when they have time to think and choose the path the Bible teaches. Admittedly, some don't. But there are times in life when a reaction comes so fast, that the person did not respond to a thought process. It came from the basic nature within, called the sin nature,- animal nature,- foreskin of the heart. That has to change.

Q. Where does the Bible tell me that God said He would circumcise my heart?

A. Deuteronomy 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.*

Q. Where does the Bible tell me that I will have to circumcise my own heart myself?

A. Jeremiah 4:4, *Circumcise yourselves to the LORD, and take away the foreskins of your heart, ye men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem: lest my fury come forth like fire, and burn that none can quench it, because of the evil of your doings.*

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

Q. It seems like that is a conflict. One time, God tells us, we must circumcise our own hearts. Another time, He says He will circumcise our hearts. Is it a conflict?

A. No. Not When you realize that the circumcision of the heart is going to be performed by two different agents, - God and you. Our God won't do it by Himself. You can not do it by yourself. Our God's plan is for you to get the job done together. It is going to take a team of two surgeons, our God and you, to perform the operation of circumcision of your own heart. It's not a conflict,- it's cooperation.

Q. Did the people of Israel do what God told them to do and circumcise their hearts?

A. No. Not until the cross. Then only one person had it done to Him, - Jesus.

Jeremiah 9:26, Egypt, and Judah, and Edom, and the children of Ammon, and Moab, and all that are in the utmost corners, that dwell in the wilderness: for all these nations are uncircumcised, and all the house of Israel are uncircumcised in the heart.

Q. Where does the Bible tell me that I have a sin nature?

A. 1 Corinthians 2:14, *But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.*

2 Peter 2:12, *But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption;*

The New International Version of the Bible, uses the expression 'sinful nature'.

Colossians 2:11-13, *In him you were also circumcised, in the putting off of the **sinful nature**, not with a circumcision done by the hands of men but with the circumcision done by Christ, ¹² having been buried with him in baptism and raised with him through your faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.*

¹³ *When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your **sinful nature**, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, (NIV)*

Q. Did the early Christians have circumcised hearts?

A. Yes. The verb tense of the Bible indicates that they did.

Q. If they had it back then, why didn't I get it when I got saved?

A. It is like when you received the gift of the Holy Ghost. Remember, you were saved first. Later, you received the Holy Ghost. They were two separate events.

Q. My Sunday school teacher told me that I received the Holy Ghost at the same time I allowed Jesus to come into my heart. Is that right?

A. Wrong. Ask your S.S. teacher what these scriptures mean.

Ephesians 1:13, *In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also **after that ye believed**, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,*

Acts 19:2, *He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost **since ye believed?** And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.*

Q. That would cause a riot in our Sunday School. Do you want me to get kicked out?

A. Thou sayest it.

Q. I thought the Bible said the Holy Ghost drew me to Jesus.

A. That's right. But, there is a difference between being drawn to Jesus Christ by the Holy Ghost and receiving the gift of the Holy Ghost. Remember the nine gifts of the spirit? They are not the same as Jesus Christ.

Q. Are you saying that God only deals with us one stage at a time?

A. Sometimes our God deals with two or three things at a time. But mainly, He deals with us one step at a time. First your Spirit, after that, your soul, after that, your body. But, between the completion of the soul salvation and body salvation, our God has planed to circumcise your heart and take away your sin nature.

Q. That makes sense. I like that. I sure know a lot of people in church who have been saved 30 years and they still need changing. But, I thought they would eventually receive all the mental changes they needed. and then they would become manifest sons of God.

A. Our God will not manifest an uncircumcised son.

Q. That's right! He demands that all Israel be circumcised. But that's confusing. How can I have a foreskin around my heart? I don't have a foreskin around my heart - do I?

A. The foreskin of the flesh is a symbol for the pericardium of the heart, which in turn is a symbol for the sin nature,- the animal within. Remember that your heart is surrounded by a bag of water. The bag is called the pericardium. That was pierced when Jesus Christ was on the cross. Do you remember what came out of His side?

Q. Yes. Blood and water. I got it. The water was from His pericardium. That means the spear of the soldier literally circumcised the heart of Jesus. Did Jesus need the circumcision of the heart for Himself?

A. No. Not any more than he needed the cross. The piercing of the side of Jesus Christ, and the blood and water tell us that we must also follow Him in this matter, too. He had no sin nature to deal with. But, He

became sin for us. He also became the pattern son for us to follow in the matter of the circumcision of the heart.

Q. I think I see. People who want to become manifest sons of God can not progress to that step, as long as they have a foreskin covering of their heart. Is that right?

A. Yes.,as long as you see that the foreskin (pericardium) of the heart is symbolic of your sin nature,- the animal within.

Q. Is the circumcision of the heart happening all over the world?

A. It is to early to tell.

Q. Is the Toronto blessing the same as the circumcision of the heart?

A. I don't think so. Reports, testimonies, books and my personal visit tell me that the Toronto blessing is still a work on the soul of man. It may be one of the last steps of soul salvation, but it doesn't have the emphasis of removing the sin nature. But, it might be. Let's wait and see.

Q. What is the sin nature? Why is it referred to as the foreskin of the heart?

A. These must be removed,- put off, like a foreskin.

Colossians 3:5-11, **Mortify** therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: ⁶For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience: ⁷In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them.

⁸But now ye also **put off** all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. ⁹Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have **put off** the old man with his deeds;

The items in that list make up the foreskin of the heart,- symbolically. They must be put off, cut off,- symbolically circumcised. You were born with those things in your nature. Now, it is the time to cut them off.

Q. Are you saying that a Jewish baby boy is born with a foreskin, but there comes a time to cut it off?

A. Yes. On the 8th day.

Q. Why did God cause baby boys to be born with a foreskin?

A. The Bible tells us that circumcision is only a token of the sin nature,- animal nature,-that we are all born with. Our God placed the foreskin on a baby boy to remind us all, that the way we were born, is not the way he

wants us to be. In other words, the circumcision of a Jew is a token of the real and important event, the circumcision of Christ, the circumcision of the heart. The purpose of the foreskin is to provide a token, a message, a warning, that our God is going to deal with the foreskins of our hearts,- our sin nature,- our animal nature, by cutting it off.

Q. Do I have to have the circumcision of the heart before I can go to heaven?

A. No. Jesus Christ covered your past sins with His blood. Our God does not know anything bad about you, because your sins are covered by the blood of Jesus. But you can't rule and reign, with Christ here on the earth, while you still have your present sin nature. So you must circumcise your heart, in order that you can stay alive and remain until the coming of the Christ.

Q. I still don't understand. If the early Christians had their sin nature removed, why don't I?

A. In the dark ages, the church became as good as dead. There was no move toward salvation from 380 A. D. (Start of the Dark Ages) to about the time of Luther 1515 A.D. Perhaps the move toward the restoration of salvation started a little before Luther, but he is generally credited with the reformation. I call it the restoration. Salvation was restored to the church, back then. After that, the gift of the Holy Spirit was restored at Azusa St. in 1906, by William Seymour. Our God is still restoring things we lost in the Dark Ages. There are signs that the restoration of the circumcision of the heart is next.

Q. Why didn't God save us all at once?

A. You ask Him.

Q. What is this talk about restoration? When did Christianity lose what they had?

A. The Dark Ages resulted in a powerless, Christless, Holy Spiritless, Godless church. That lasted about a thousand years. Then our God began to restore things to the church, that we formerly had at the beginning. He is still at work restoring good things to the church. And He is sending His angels to the church to remove the bad things.

Q. Will every body have to become circumcised in the heart?

A. No. Only those Christians who will be alive and remain to the return of Christ will have to receive the circumcision of the heart.

Q. How about other Christians? My neighbor recently died. Did he have the circumcision of the heart?

A. No. He was saved in his spirit. His soul was being saved as he received with meekness, the engrafted word. He was working on the complete salvation of his soul when he died. His spirit went back to heaven, not his body and not his soul.

Q. Can I receive the circumcision of the heart right now?

A. You can baptize yourself for the circumcision of the heart right now. The time when you receive it, is between you and God. It depends on when our God restores His energy to the present church.

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Q. What will our God do to me?

A. Our God will send His energy. That energy will give you the ability to work with our God and you will symbolically cut off the foreskin of your heart. That will remove your sin nature.

Q. I don't like to think of myself as having a sin nature. Since I became saved I have tried to live my life as an example to my neighbors and friends, to show them that I don't sin anymore.

A. Were you successful?

Q. No. I have to admit that there have been times when my old sin nature roared up like a lion, and I knew there was still an animal inside me that was not trained. Are you telling me that animal inside me was my sin nature?

A. Yes. You need the circumcision of the heart.

Q. Why do I need it? I don't think I'm so bad. I'm as good as other Christians. What's wrong?

A. You just told me what's wrong. You know you can't rule and reign with Christ the way you are. You must change.

Q. That's right. I've got to change. I'll do better. I'll spend more time in prayer. I'll read the Bible more. I'll spend more time in church. I'll help other people. Will that circumcise my heart?

A. Have you done that before? Did it help

Q. Yes. No. I know it didn't help. What can I do?

A. Colossians tells us to participate in the circumcision that is made without hands. That means it is between you and the Godhead. No one else is involved. There will be no preacher to baptize you. Or doctor to circumcise you this time. The circumcision of your heart will take place during a baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Col. 2; ;11-12

Q. I have already been baptized.

A. You were baptized for the remission of sins. Not for the circumcision of the heart. Now, you must fully identify with the death and resurrection of Jesus. You must symbolically die. You must symbolically circumcise your own heart while you are dead. You must remove your sin nature, the foreskin of your heart. Our God will restore His energy to you at that time. The newly restored energy of our God will give you a supernatural ability to do all that.

Q. What if God doesn't restore His energy to me when I'm symbolically trying to circumcise my heart.

A. Do the same thing you did when you were seeking the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Q. What was that?

A. Do it again. It is time for the restoration of the energy of our God. You might as well be among the first to receive it. Isn't repetition the process you followed when you received the baptism of the Holy Spirit?

Q. Yes I went to the altar many times to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Finally, the conditions were right and I received the gift of the Holy Spirit with the initial evidence of speaking in tongues. Are you saying I must seek the circumcision of the heart the same way?

A. I answered your question about what to do if our God does not send His energy to you when you ask for it. It will probably be the same way it was when you received the gift of the Holy Ghost. We'll see.

Q. It sounds like the circumcision of the heart is like a church ordinance, like communion. Is it?

A. Maybe it should be. If it is not an ordinance to be practiced on a regular basis by the church, it should at least be treated like a service and be practiced when the need arises, like healing.

Q. Is it practical to have baptism facilities on hand all the time so a person can participate in the circumcision of the heart?

A. No. And I believe that idea would spoil the spirit of the event. Water isn't necessary for this baptism. It might be nice. It may even be helpful. But it isn't required. An astronaut circling the earth in a space rocket can participate in the circumcision of the heart. This is a symbolic event. The foreskin of the flesh is a token of the sin nature that surrounds the heart. Baptism is a token of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The circumcision of Christ is the reality of the circumcision of the flesh, which is only a token. If we see the baptism in a literal way, with literal water, then it follows that the circumcision of the heart should also be literal with a literal knife and a lot of blood. I hope not.

Q. Now I want to know why former generations of people did not participate in the circumcision of the heart.

A. The early church near the time of Jesus did participate. They spoke in tongues, too. But, Christianity died out in the Dark Ages. Generations of people before Luther did not know about faith in Jesus. God used Luther to restore faith in Jesus Christ. In the same way, generations before 1906 did not speak in tongues. They did not participate in the baptism of the Holy Spirit, until they knew that they should, after our God restored the truth. Now, at this time, some people are starting to participate in the circumcision of the heart. Our grandparents received Jesus in their hearts. They also later received the baptism in the Holy Ghost. That's as far as their level of revelation took them. Now a generation that wants to become manifest sons of God, has come forth. But, they know they can't become manifest to the world, until they effectively deal with the animal that rages inside them, their sin nature. It must be circumcised,- removed.

Q. Yes. That's the way I feel. But, why has it taken so long?

A. Our God sent Jesus Christ to us at Passover. Then He sent the Holy Ghost to us at Pentecost. Then we went into the Dark Ages and lost it all. After that He restored Jesus and Passover to us in the Reformation by Luther. Later, our God restored the Holy Ghost and Pentecost to us at Azusa St. Mission in 1906 by William Seymour. Now our God is restoring the Feast of Tabernacles to us at this time. But we can not tabernacle with our God the way we are. Our God is presently planting the seeds of the circumcision of the heart in a remnant of the church, so that they can become manifest sons of God. Our God will not manifest uncircumcised sons. The seeds of the truth of the circumcision of the heart will produce a mighty tree, which will cover all who deeply desire to overcome their own sin nature and overcome the last enemy,- death. Then they can be trusted with the newly restored energy of our God. Why did that take so long? It is following a pattern that our God set up long ago. I can only conclude that it's not taking so long as far as our God is

concerned. Maybe what is a long time as far as we are concerned is just a drop in the bucket as far as our God is concerned.

Q. Tell me more about the energy of God. I know a little about the power of the Holy Ghost. What about the energy of God?

A. You should understand the difference between force, power, and energy, after you have finished a course in Physics. I should mention that the translators of the Bible must not have studied Physics because they confounded the translation, using the wrong word in the wrong place. Even the English dictionary goofed up, defining Force, Power, and Energy by the same explanations. That's excusable, because a dictionary is just a catalog of common usage. But a good Physics professor won't allow a mix-up. And a good text book on Physics will use the words rightly. The original transmitted texts used the words correctly. It's another goof up that our God is correcting at this time. Physicists and Engineers have become mildly enthusiastic about the facts that Jesus brought the Force, the Holy Spirit is restoring the Power, and soon our God will restore His energy to the Christian church. Some pastors and theologians are also now becoming interested. After you master the difference between Force, Power, and Energy, you will appreciate the facts that Force describes the attributes of Jesus. Power describes the attributes of the Holy Ghost. And energy describes the attributes of our God. A Christian Engineer who also studies the Bible could probably help you to see this wonderful plan of our God.

Now, at this time, our God is planting the seeds of truth that will restore the Energy of our God so that you can finally get rid of your nasty old sin nature.

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