

BOOK OF PHILIPPIANS SERIES:

Joy in Christ

Philippians 3:1-6

A Circumcised Heart

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Is my Heart Circumcised?

Philippians 3:1-3

- Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. For me to write the same things to you *is* not tedious, but for you *it is* safe.
- ² Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the mutilation! ³ For we are the circumcision, who worship [\[a\]](#) God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh,



Abraham Justified Before Circumcision

Romans 4:9-12 NIV

⁹ Is this blessedness only for the circumcised, or also for the uncircumcised? We have been saying that Abraham's faith was credited to him as righteousness.

¹⁰ Under what circumstances was it credited? Was it after he was circumcised, or before? It was not after, but before!

¹¹ And he received circumcision as a sign, a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith while he was still uncircumcised. So then, he is the father of all who believe but have not been circumcised, in order that righteousness might be credited to them.

¹² And he is then also the father of the circumcised who not only are circumcised but who also follow in the footsteps of the faith that our father Abraham had before he was circumcised.



God is after your Heart

Deuteronomy 10:16

- ¹⁶ Therefore circumcise the foreskin of your heart, and be stiff-necked no longer.

Deuteronomy 30:6

- ⁶ And the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.

Jeremiah 4:4(a)

- Circumcise yourselves to the LORD,
And take away the foreskins of your hearts,
You men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem,.....”

Circumcision is of the Heart

Romans 2:28-29

²⁸ A person is not a Jew who is one only outwardly, nor is circumcision merely outward and physical.

²⁹ No, a person is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is circumcision of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the written code. Such a person's praise is not from other people, but from God.



Why God wants your Heart

Proverbs 4:23 (NLT)

- Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.

Proverbs 23:7 (NKJV)

- For as he thinks in his heart, so *is* he.

Luke 6:45 (b)

For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

Matthew 6:21 (NIV)

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Philippians 3:4-6

- ⁴ though I also might have confidence in the flesh. If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so: ⁵ circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, *of* the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.