

Agape
Life
Bible Study



A Cry for Freedom

GRACE THAT IS STILL AMAZING

A STUDY OF GALATIANS

Lesson

Circumcised or Not?

Galatians 2:1-10

February 8, 2026



Bible Study Prayer

**Father, as we turn to the Bible,
What we know not - teach us,
What we have not - give us,
What we are not - make us,
For your Son's sake,
Amen.**



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Leftovers and A Correction

In response to the purification process, Leviticus 15:19-24 contains the rules for a woman during her menstrual period.

Leviticus 12 contains the specific restrictions associated with childbirth. The correction is that the waiting period for a boy is 40 days, but for the birth of girl it is 80 days.



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Circumcision in the USA



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Circumcision in the USA

Overall – Ages 15-64	~81%
Newborns	~49%
Newborns Midwest	~69%
Newborns Northeast	~65%
Newborns South	~53%
Newborns West	~20%



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Global Circumcision

Overall – Ages 15-64	~38%
Middle East / N. Africa	>99%
West & Central Africa	~85%
S. Korea / Philippines	~80%
Europe	<20%
Asia (Excl. Muslim nations)	<15%
South America	< 5%



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Biblical Circumcision

Genesis 17:1-14; 23-27 – Command to Abraham

Leviticus 12:3 – Codified in the Law

Exodus 12:48-49 – Required for Passover

Joshua 5:2-7 – Required to enter Promised Land



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Biblical Circumcision

- A Sign and Seal of the Covenant**
- A permanent mark of “Holy Separation” from the rest of the world**
- Not a rite of passage, but a designation of birthright in the nation, performed at birth**
- A fleshly reminder of the promise to Abraham, a “blood sacrifice” reminder of God’s promise to multiply his descendants and provide the “seed of blessing”**



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Circumcision, Immersion, & Sacrifice **For a Gentile Converting to Judaism**

The 2nd Temple Period
(roughly 516 BC to 70 AD)

Three-Step Conversion Requirements

Circumcision
Immersion (Baptism)
Sacrifice



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The Circumcision Conflict Galatians 2:1-10



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Colossians 2:11-12 - Our circumcision comes from Jesus; our outward sign is baptism



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Christian Circumcision

In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

Colossians 2:11-12 (NKJV)



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Christian Circumcision

When you came to Christ, you were “circumcised,” but not by a physical procedure. Christ performed a spiritual circumcision—the cutting away of your sinful nature. For you were buried with Christ when you were baptized. And with him you were raised to new life because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead.

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But also . . .

It's not because you were baptized or not.

It's not because you go to church or not.

It's not because you pray or not.

It's not because you read the Bible or not.

It's not because you do good things.

**These things you do because
you were raised to New Life in Jesus!**



Next Week!

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Ready to Rumble

Galatians 2:11-21

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