

PAX ROMANA

Pastor Ray Swash

Dealing with your Character!

Romans 2.25-29

I [God] will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.

This is my covenant with you and your descendants after you, the covenant you are to keep: Every male among you shall be circumcised. 11 You are to undergo circumcision, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and you.

Genesis 17.7, 10-11 (NIV)

Moving beyond the Physical to the Heart:

Last week;

- A) the False Security of Heritage*
- B) the False Security of Knowledge*

This week:

- C) the False Security of _____ - Romans 2.25-29**

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Romans 10.9 (ESV)

For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

Romans 10.10 (ESV)

Understanding the 'Rites' & 'Signs' of Faith:

*Circumcision has value if you observe the law, but if you break the law, you have become as though you had not been circumcised. If those who are not circumcised keep the law's requirements, will they not be regarded as though they were circumcised? The one who is not circumcised physically and yet obeys the law will condemn you who, **even though you have the written code and circumcision, are a lawbreaker.***

*A man is not a Jew if he is only one outwardly, nor is circumcision merely outward and physical. No, a man is a Jew if he is one inwardly; and circumcision is circumcision of the heart, **by the Spirit, not by the written code.** Such a man's praise is not from men, but from God*

Romans 2.25-29 (NIV)

Cult: Anything that *'adds to'* or *'removes from'* the work of the cross is outside the _____ of God's love as given in Jesus Christ.

Circumcision, like **Baptism** are symbols, expression of our faith—In and of themselves they _____ fulfill (or save) us.

Circumcision, like **Baptism** (with the **Law of Moses** & in following **Jesus through the water**) points out that it was only valid as a sign when it was combined with a _____.

Circumcision, like **Baptism** are symbols—True relationship with God is a matter of the heart and is accomplished by _____.

The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.

1 Samuel 16.7 (NIV)