

WHAT ABOUT CIRCUMCISION?

WHAT DOES CIRCUMCISION HAVE TO DO WITH JUSTIFICATION? Rom 4:9-12

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I. THE QUESTION — DOES THE BLESSING IN VV. 7-8 ONLY COME ON THE JEWS?

A. The Terms “Circumcision” and “Uncircumcision.”

1. Circumcision [*Peritomā*]
2. Uncircumcision [*Akrobustia*]
3. Genesis 17

B. The Context of the Answer.

1. The Message of Vv. 1-3.
2. Paul Again Refers Back to Gen 15 and Abraham’s Justification.

II. A LEADING QUESTION. 10a

A. A Question of Condition.

B. The Question Being Posed Is Not a Question of “Time,” but Rather “Condition” or “State of Being.”

C. The Question Restated: What Was Abraham’s Condition or State (of Being) When God Credited his Faith to his Account as Righteousness?

III. THE ANSWER. 10b

A. The Answer Is...

B. Shock & Awe

1. In the Shoes of a Jew.
2. Two Shocking Conclusion
 - a) First, the Chronological Relationship Between Justification and Circumcision Is That Justification Comes First Followed by Circumcision.
 - b) Second, on the Testimony of the Scriptures, It Must Be Conceded That Abraham our Father Was Justified When He Was a Gentile.

IV. CIRCUMCISION, THE SIGN AND THE SEAL. 11

A. Points to Genesis 17.

B. Abraham Received Circumcision.

C. The Purpose of Receiving Circumcision.

D. The Result of Abraham Being the Father of all Who Believe.

V. ABRAHAM IS THE FATHER OF THE BELIEVING JEWS IN TWO WAYS. 12

A. He Is Their Father in Relation to Circumcision and He Is Their Father in Relation to Faith.

B. There Is One Class of Person; and Two States of Being.