

Genesis

God's World. God's Story.



Circumcision and the Gospel of Christ

Genesis 17:1-27

Big Idea: The sign of circumcision teaches me to always trust in God's everlasting covenant commitment fulfilled in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Outline: 5 lessons from the sign of circumcision

1. "_____ Off" and the _____ of Sin
2. _____ Lordship of the Almighty God
3. _____ Obedience as the Fruit of Faith
4. _____ of the Everlasting God
5. _____ New _____ Work in the Heart

Discussion Questions:

1. Why would the story of Abram include so many repetitions of God’s covenant (Genesis 12, 15, and 17)? What does chapter 17 add to the development of God’s covenant with Abram?
2. What are the consequences of sin? What is God’s solution to sin?
3. Why do you think God would refer to Himself as “God Almighty” (El Shaddai) in this interaction with Abram?
4. What does Abraham’s new name mean? Why do you think God gives new names to Abraham and Sarah?
5. Why would God make Abram and Sarai wait so many years for the birth of Isaac? Why might God make us wait for His promises, answered prayer, and His plans for us?
6. This chapter and the sign of circumcision emphasize practical obedience in the lives of God’s people. Why should we obey God’s commands? How can we “walk before God and be blameless” in our everyday lives?
7. What is “circumcision of the heart” and why do we need it?
8. What are some similarities between the Old Covenant sign of circumcision and the New Covenant sign of baptism? What are some differences?
9. Is there any spiritual reason for Christians to be physically circumcised today? Why or why not? See Galatians 5:1-6.

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April 2026			
Week 1 Starting April 6	Week 2 Starting April 13	Week 3 Starting April 20	Week 4 Starting April 27
Day 1: 2 Kings 23	Day 1: Ezra 2	Day 1: Ezra 7	Day 1: Nehemiah 2
Day 2: 2 Kings 24	Day 2: Ezra 3	Day 2: Ezra 8	Day 2: Nehemiah 3
Day 3: 2 Kings 25	Day 3: Ezra 4	Day 3: Ezra 9	Day 3: Nehemiah 4
Day 4: 2 Chronicles 36	Day 4: Ezra 5	Day 4: Ezra 10	Day 4: Nehemiah 5
Day 5: Ezra 1	Day 5: Ezra 6	Day 5: Nehemiah 1	Day 5: Nehemiah 6
Witness to the Word			
⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸ He was not the <u>light</u> , but came to bear witness about the light.			
John 1:6-8 (ESV)			