

# THE CIRCUMCISION OF CHRIST

Colossians 2:11 reads this way in the NASB

***“and in Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands in the removal of the body of flesh by the circumcision of Christ”***

This can seem like an awkward topic and one hard to understand, but it really is rich with meaning for the experience of the salvation of our souls/flesh. The following will help to understand...

Circumcision, which is a cutting open and folding back of the foreskin of males, was first seen in Scripture when God introduced it to Abraham as a mark to distinguish the children of the nation of Israel from other nations (Genesis 17). Circumcision also granted many benefits that not only enhanced the fruitfulness of bearing children, but also benefitted overall health and hygiene. This practice was carried out for all Jews up through the time of Christ. Christ Himself was circumcised. (Luke 2:21) And today, circumcision is a common practice among many.

But Jesus brought forth the fullness of the meaning of circumcision way beyond the physical practice into a spiritual circumcision. When Christ was crucified, His flesh was pierced for us. And when He resurrected, His flesh was pushed out of the way as His spirit rose up to life!

As we are now ***“in Him”*** the Bible tells us that we are circumcised spiritually too, in a ***“circumcision made without hands...”*** This is a circumcision of faith, not hands, as God works in our lives in the ***“removal of the body of flesh by the circumcision of Christ.”***

See as we yield our lives to Him, He pierces through our soul/flesh (mind, will and emotions) and folds them back, pushing them out of the way, sometimes even cutting parts off... .so that the life of His Spirit can come forth in us in pure healthy ways. And this life becomes fruitful as well, as others are drawn to Him through the life coming forth in us and are then also born again in Him!