

All things were created through Him and for Him. Col 1:16

## **Created for Him!** A Matter of the Heart! Colossians 2:11-12



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.

For no one is a Jew who is merely one outwardly, nor is circumcision outward and physical. But a Jew is one inwardly, and circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter. Rom. 2:28, 29

Circumcision was always used symbolically to demonstrate the desperate need mankind had for cleansing from sin. (Acts 7:51)

Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no more stiff-necked. Duet. 10:15, 16



## When you accepted Christ, you received a "divine circumcision"

Peritome: Literally, to "cut around."

Old covenant circumcision: A sign of covenant faithfulness and identity. Genesis 17:10-17

True circumcision was a matter of the heart: The children of Israel were judged along with the uncircumcised pagan nations, because they were "uncircumcised in heart." Jeremiah 9:23-29



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5:2

Believer's baptism (immersion) is the first act of obedience in response to faith. It is an extravagant declaration of love and a change of allegiance.



Teach your child about Jesus from birth, reading Scripture, telling Bible stories, and praying with them daily.

Provide a contrast to the world.

Learn how to pray for your kids!

Model the values you hope your kids will live!

Hope your child will experience God's provision, protection, and blessing? A better and more biblical approach . . .

