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- THE FOUNDATION OF NEW TESTAMENT THEOLOGY.

Romans 2:25-29

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When Enough Is Not Enough

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Romans 2:25-29

For circumcision is indeed profitable if you keep the law; but if you are a breaker of the law, your circumcision has become uncircumcision. 26 Therefore, if an uncircumcised man keeps the righteous requirements of the law, will not his uncircumcision be counted as circumcision? 27 And will not the physically uncircumcised, if he fulfills the law, judge you who, even with your written code and circumcision, are a transgressor of the law? 28 For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh; 29 but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not from men but from God.

When Enough Is Not Enough?

1.) How much is needed?

vs. 25

Verse 25a

For circumcision is indeed profitable if you keep the law; but if you are a breaker of the law, your circumcision has become uncircumcision.

The Calling Out of His People.

Circumcision as a Covenant Sign

Genesis 17:13

He who is born in your house and he who is bought with your money must be circumcised, and My covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant.

Jeremiah 6:10

To whom shall I speak and give warning, that they may hear? Behold, their ears are uncircumcised, they cannot listen; behold, the word of the LORD is to them an object of scorn; they take no pleasure in it.

Deuteronomy 10:16

Therefore circumcise the foreskin of your heart, and be stiff-necked no longer.

When Enough Is Not Enough? How Much Is Needed?

1a.) To keep the law?

vs. 25a

Verse 25a

For circumcision is indeed profitable
if you keep the law;

Our Outward Displays of Faith and Devotion
are to be “exact” with God – THERE IS A ZERO TOLERANCE for not keeping
His law and commands.

The Calling Out of His Man.

“Circumcision” of the Tongue as a Covenant Sign

Isaiah 6:1

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. 2 Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. 3 And one cried to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!” 4 And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke. :5 So I said: “Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The LORD of hosts.” :6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar. 7 And he touched my mouth with it, and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; Your iniquity is taken away, And your sin purged.”

**When Enough Is Not Enough?
How Much Is Needed?**

1b.) To start over again?

vs. 25b

Verse 25b

but if you are a breaker of the law,
your circumcision has become uncircumcision.

**In those immortal words by philosopher
Arnold Schwarzenegger,
“No Pain, No Gain”**

**All the effort. All the pain. All the pride. All the hope – in a physical human
act of religion - - is reduced to nothing in just half a verse!**

Verse 25b

but if you are a breaker of the law,
your circumcision has become uncircumcision.

**If God demands Perfection and a Law of His is Broken,
how many laws must be broken before you are a lawbreaker?
One – It’s the Loneliest Number because it separates you from all.**

**When Enough Is Not Enough?
How Much Is Needed?**

1c.) To keep the law?

vs. 25c

Verse 25c

but if you are a breaker of the law,
your circumcision has become uncircumcision.

Philemon 3:2-3

Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the mutilation! 3 For we
are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and
have no confidence in the flesh,

What's your "external display" regarding your Christianity? – (1) what do you say about you vs. (2) what others say about you?

When Enough Is Not Enough?

2.) How does that happen?

vs. 26-27

When Enough Is Not Enough?

How Does That Happen?

2a.) Let Him cut away the burning

vs. 26

Verse 26

26 Therefore, if an uncircumcised man keeps the righteous requirements of the law, will not his uncircumcision be counted as circumcision?

James 1:12a

Blessed is the man who endures temptation;

endures

grk: hupomeno.

to stay or stay still, to await, persevere while enduring (under the plank), remain, don't move. (if you come upon a rattlesnake)

James 1:12b-15

For when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. 13 Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. 14 But each one is tempted (1) when he is drawn away by his own desires and (2) enticed. 15 Then, (3) when desire has conceived, it (4) gives birth to sin; and sin, (5) when it is full-grown, brings forth (6) death.

What Do We Do Then?

James 4:7-8

Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

1 John 2:15-16

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world – (1) the lust of the flesh, (2) the lust of the eyes, and (3) the pride of life – is not of the Father but is of the world.

1 John 2:16a

For all that is in the world – (1) the lust of the flesh,

The lust of the flesh represents the sins of bodily passions
(scalpel please)

1 John 2:16a

For all that is in the world – (2) the lust of the eyes,

The lust of the eyes represents the sins of imagination / gaze
(butcher knife please)

1 John 2:16a

For all that is in the world – (3) the pride of life,

The pride of life represents the sins of arrogance / thrones
(chainsaw if you please)

Verse 26

26 Therefore, if an uncircumcised man keeps the righteous requirements of the law, will not his uncircumcision be counted as circumcision?

Paul is graphically presenting to us an argument that would rock the traditional Jewish mind on how to relate to God.

The “uncircumcised man” here is the man that has not gone through the physical surgical procedure of circumcision.
(the removal of dead, numb flesh)

There is no great example to us than that of Abram (Father Abram). A gentile from the regions of Iraq today. CALLED OUT BY GOD WHILE BEING a pagan worshipping Idolater....

Genesis 15:6

And Abram believed in the LORD, and He (the LORD) accounted (thought it, did it, made it so) it to Abram for righteousness.

Genesis 22:18

In your seed (Abraham) all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.”

Habakkuk 2:4

“Behold the proud, His soul is not upright in him;
But the just (righteous) shall live by his faith.

Galatians 5:1-6

Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage. 2 Indeed I, Paul, say to you that if you become circumcised, Christ will profit you nothing. 3 And I testify again to every man who becomes circumcised that he is a debtor to keep the whole law. 4 You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace. 5 For we through the Spirit eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. 6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love.

When Enough Is Not Enough? How Does That Happen?

2b.) Let Him cut away the stronghold

vs. 27

Verse 27

27 And will not the physically uncircumcised,
if he fulfills the law, judge you

Romans 11:11

I say then, have they stumbled that they should fall? Certainly not! But through their fall, to provoke them to jealousy, salvation has come to the Gentiles.

Romans 11:13-14

For I speak to you Gentiles; inasmuch as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry, 14 if by any means I may provoke to jealousy those who are my flesh (the Jews) and save some of them.
(get them to think away from themselves)

**When Enough Is Not Enough?
How Does That Happen?**

2c.) Let Him cut away the chains

vs. 27

Verse 27

You who, even with your written code and circumcision,
are a transgressor of the law?

**Laws, Written Codes, Rules, Commands, and Regulations
(The Ten Commandments)**

**IF coming from a human source, it is a tyrannical power.
BUT if coming from the Divine source, it is a liberating power.**

Explain This, my Jewish Friend...

Psalm 103:11-12

For as the heavens are high above the earth, So great is His mercy toward
those who fear Him; 12 As far as the east is from the west, So far has He
removed our transgressions from us.

How / How / How / How / How / How / How / How / How / How / How

Isaiah 53:1-6 NLT

Who has believed our message? To whom has the LORD revealed his powerful arm? 2 My servant grew up in the LORD's presence like a tender green shoot, like a root in dry ground. There was nothing beautiful or majestic about his appearance, nothing to attract us to him. 3 He was despised and rejected - a man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief. We turned our backs on him and looked the other way. He was despised, and we did not care. :4 Yet it was our weaknesses he carried; it was our sorrows that weighed him down. And we thought his troubles were a punishment from God, a punishment for his own sins! 5 But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed. 6 All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the LORD laid on him the sins of us all.

So now – will you stop being such a fool, and listen to this

Galatians 2:16

Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.

Outward Displays of Religion mean nothing to God.

But on the Contrary - Outward Displays of Love, Mercy and Grace mean everything of God.

Galatians 5:11-12

And I, brethren, if I still preach circumcision, why do I still suffer persecution? Then the offense of the cross has ceased. 12 I could wish that those who trouble you would even cut themselves off!

If there's a man here today that struggles with gambling, I'm going to ask if you'd volunteer yourself today. I'll take this scalpel and cut off enough so that gambling is no longer your problem.

What's that you say – you have a bad temper? Let me take care of that bad temper with this butcher knife.

But wait, you there – it's pornography you say? Well it's your lucky day - step right up and let's cut off all your sin with this Hacksaw...

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