

Why Are We Here? - Covenant Relationship With God Through Circumcision of Heart

I. Review:

A. Purpose established as being a living demonstration of Jesus Christ to the world **through**:

B. Sanctification - the Divine Exchange:

1. Trading _____
2. Allowing God to bring _____
3. Developing the _____ of Jesus Christ

C. **BUT...**

1. That's only _____ of our purpose, and only applies to our purpose on _____

D. Our **ultimate purpose** is _____

II. Covenant - God's Provision for the Fulfillment of His Plan

A. Covenant - what it is:

1. Binding agreement _____

2. Something of value _____

3. Then God _____

4. From this point on in Scripture, all God's covenant promises point

E. Principles established before the Law was ever given

1.

2.

3.

F. Progressive in Nature¹¹

1. Noah - _____

2. Abraham - _____

3. Moses - _____

4. Jesus - _____

Noah	Abraham	Moses	Jesus
Protection - Genesis 9:11	Fruitfulness - Genesis 17:2-4	Access as priests - Exodus 19:5-6	Intimacy and mercy - Hebrews 8:10-12
Reckoning for lifeblood, be fruitful and multiply	Walk before me, be blameless, keep my covenant, circumcision	Law - civil, ceremonial, priesthood	Offer your bodies, living sacrifices
Cloud	Smoking Furnace	Pillar of Cloud	Cloud of Witnesses
Rainbow	Flaming Torch	Pillar of Fire	Fire of the Holy Spirit
Burnt Offering	Goat, Ram, Heifer, Dove Pigeon	Tabernacle	Sacrifice of Praise - the fruit of lips giving thanks

III. Circumcision - Man's Response to God's Provision

A. Man's requirement, and the sign that man was an inheritor of God's covenant was (is?...)

B. In the natural:

1. Exchange of _____
2. Removing of _____ around the...
3. _____

C. In the spirit - circumcision of _____

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. (NKJV)

1. Exchange of _____
2. Crucifying of _____ so we will...
3. _____ His image and character