The True Circumcision

Tony Mauck · Romans 2:19–29

INTRODUCTION

- If I could help everybody, every person of accountable age here today to discover in your life a successful God-honoring transformation, then that would be success for today.
- Do not be conformed to the world. But be transformed by the renewing of your mind.
- The important key to God pleasing transformation, believe it or not, is circumcision.

1 Circumcise Your Heart

Deuteronomy 10:16

- Circumcision was given to Abraham and his descendants, and it indicated you were a son of the promise.
- Circumcise then your heart and stiffen your neck no more.
- He's not talking about them physically stiffening their necks. He's talking about them resisting him in their hearts.
- Moreover, the Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants. To love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul in order that you may live.

2 Taught and Then Born

Hebrews 8; Malachi 3:16

- When you circumcise an eight-day old male, what guarantee did you have that he would choose to serve the Lord and circumcise his heart? No guarantee.
- Nobody comes into the kingdom without first being taught. You're taught, you circumcise your heart, and as you do that, you're born.
- Those who feared the Lord spoke to one another, and the Lord gave attention and heard it. And a book of remembrance was written before him for those who fear the Lord and who esteem his name.
- If you fear the Lord, if you esteem his name, circumcise your heart, then you get written in my book.

3 We Are the True Circumcision

Philippians 3:3; Romans 2:19–29

- Church at Philippi, you Christians, you are the true circumcision.
- We are the true circumcision. That's what I want you to be able to say.
- For indeed circumcision is of value if you practice the law. But if you are a transgressor of the law, your circumcision has become uncircumcision.

- But he is a Jew who is one inwardly. And circumcision is that which is of the heart by the spirit, not by the letter.

4 The Devil Stands Firmly Opposed to Your Circumcision

1 John 5:19; 2 Timothy 2:1–4; Galatians 5

- We have to render our hearts to the Lord. And that's the last thing the devil wants you to do today. The devil stands firmly opposed to your circumcision.
- You need to yield your heart, your mind to the Lord for cleansing, salvation, and submission to the Lord's purposes.
- Suffer hardship with me as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life.
- He wants you to be fixated completely on you.
- He wants you to love anything or anyone that will take you away from true circumcision to the Lord and circumcising your heart to him.

5 Our Operation in Spiritual Warfare

1 Timothy 6:8; Colossians 4:2–5; 2 Peter 3:14

- True circumcision is the same way. A sustained commitment and focus until the objective is reached.
- Operation number one, sobriety. Clear mindedness.
- Operation contentment. If we have food and covering therewith to be content.
- Operation Salty Speech. Good words. Don't happen by accident. Let your speech be seasoned, as it were, with salt, always with grace.
- Operation diligence. We've got to stay at it.
- Be diligent to be found by him in peace, spotless, and blameless.

THE CHALLENGE

It's a brand new year, but is it the same old you? Will you today? What a great way to start the year. I'm going to be circumcised unto the Lord.

MY NOTES