

## **SPIRITUAL CIRCUMCISION**

**Circumcision of the heart is the action of the Holy Spirit upon a person who comes to saving faith in Jesus Christ and receives eternal life. Romans 2:29**

**Circumcision of the heart is the cutting away of the believer's bondage to sin and sole relationship to Adam. This circumcision is done by Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit in which the believer is buried with Christ in Spirit baptism and raised with Christ through faith to a new relationship in Christ.**

**Colossians 2:11-12**

**Circumcision of the heart happens in a moment of time when a person first believes in Jesus with saving faith. Spirit baptism happens in the same moment of time when a person first believes in Jesus. Holy Spirit indwelling and sealing happens in the same moment of time when a person first believes in Jesus.**

**Having been crucified with Christ, buried with Christ, and raised to new life in Christ happens in the same moment of time when a person first believes in Jesus.**

**Spirit baptism encompasses our death, burial, and resurrection to new life in Christ placing us into the family of God. 1 Corinthians 12:13**

**Circumcision of the heart is the believer's new freedom to follow the Holy Spirit and flee from sin.**

**Circumcision of the heart allows the believer to fight the battle of the old man and the new man, the old fleshly nature and the new creation nature. Our human flesh desires to still control our minds and actions. Our new creation nature desires to follow the Holy Spirit and be transformed into the image of Christ. 2 Corinthians 5:17,18 Through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set believers free from the law of sin and death. Romans 8:2**

**Believers don't have to live according to the sinful nature but are obligated to live according to the Spirit. Rom. 8:4, 12-17**

**Believers who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace. Romans 8:6**

**Believers are not controlled by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, and the Spirit gives life and peace to the believer's mortal body through the Spirit who lives in the believer. Romans 8:11**

**The believer's spirit is alive because of the righteousness produced in the believer's life initiated and empowered by the Holy Spirit. Romans 8:10**

**The Holy Spirit testifies to our spirit that we are children of God if we have truly believed in Jesus, follow Him, and have received eternal life. Romans 8:16**