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Galatians Lesson

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1. Last week I taught Gal 5:1 and when time expired we were about to begin an analysis of Gal 5:2.
2. Before beginning the exegesis of Gal 5:2 I want to give you opportunity to use 1Jo 1:9 as may be necessary.
3. Expanded translation of Gal 5:1.

Expanded Translation

Gal 5:1 Christ has made it possible for believers to enjoy a unique freedom in Christ and we must never again become involved in the exasperating bondage of the Mosaic Law.

4. Now let's see what we can learn from Gal 5:2.

KJV-New Sentence

Gal 5:2 Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing.

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Gal 5:2 Mark my words! I, Paul, tell you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no value to you at all.

5. The best way to study this verse is to review the *Doctrine of Circumcision*.

Doctrine of Circumcision

1. Circumcision is the cutting away of the useless flesh of the male phallus.
 - 1.1 Circumcision is a training aid designed to teach.
2. The ritual of circumcision is related to:
 - 2.1 A commemoration of Abraham's spiritual maturity,
 - 2.2 A commemoration of God providing the heir of promise, Isaac.
 - 2.3 The dedication of the phallus to only the right woman.

3. The ritual of circumcision was established to commemorate the Lord giving Abraham several unconditional covenants.

Gen 17:1 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty; walk before me and be blameless.

Gen 17:2 I will confirm my **covenant** between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers."

Gen 17:3 Abram fell facedown, and God said to him,

Gen 17:4 "As for me, this is my **covenant** with you: You will be the father of many nations.

Gen 17:5 No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations.

Gen 17:6 I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you.

Gen 17:7 I will establish my **covenant** as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.

Gen 17:8 The whole land of Canaan, where you are now an alien, I will give as an everlasting possession to you and your descendants after you; and I will be their God."

Gen 17:9 Then God said to Abraham, "As for you, you must keep my **covenant**, you and your descendants after you for the generations to come.

Gen 17:10 This is my covenant with you and your descendants after you, the covenant you are to keep: Every male among you shall be circumcised.

Gen 17:11 **You are to undergo circumcision**, and it will be the **sign** of the covenant between me and you.

Gen 17:12 For the generations to come every male among you who is eight days old must be **circumcised**, including those born in your household or bought with money from a foreigner-- those who are not your offspring.

Gen 17:13 Whether born in your household or bought with your money, they must be **circumcised**. My covenant in your flesh is to be an everlasting **covenant**.

Gen 17:14 Any uncircumcised male, who has not been **circumcised** in the flesh, will be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant." ...

Gen 17:21 But my **covenant** will I establish with Isaac, which Sarah shall bear unto thee at this set time in the next year.

3.1 Circumcision, therefore, is related to the promise and the commemoration of the four unconditional covenants:

3.1.1 Abrahamic Covenant- Gen 12:1-3; 15:1-10, 12, 17 and 18; 17:1-11 and Gen 22:16-18.

3.1.2 Davidic Covenant - 2Sa 7:10-16

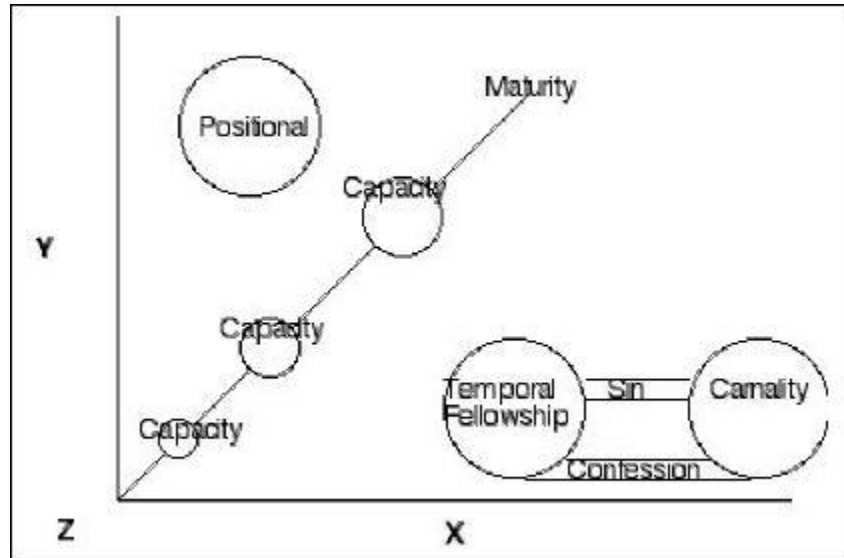
3.1.3 Palestinian Covenant - Eze 20:33-37 and 42-44; Gen 15:18-21

3.1.4 New Covenant - Jer 31:31-40

4. In Gen 17:1-11 God reaffirms the Abrahamic Covenant, Palestinian and the Davidic Covenant with the ritual of Circumcision.

4.1 At this time at the ripe old age of 99 Abraham is given the heir of the promise, Isaac, who is born that very year to his aged wife Sarah.

4.2 This is not a new promise but like all blessings for time God will not bless unless there is capacity for the blessing.



4.2.1 Capacity comes from Bible Doctrine resident in the soul.

4.3 You must have a cup if God is to pour goodness and mercy; God recall is glorified when He pours.

Psa 23:5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Psa 23:6 Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, for I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Isa 30:18 And therefore will the LORD wait, that he may be gracious unto you, and **therefore will he be exalted**, that he may have mercy upon you: for the LORD is a God of judgment: blessed are all they that wait for him.

4.4 Promises of an heir, numerous descendants, extensive land, a descendent on the throne forever, a promise through the seed of Abraham to bless the world and a people who in the Millennium would show the rest of the world how to live can be found many places some of which are:

Gen 12:1 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, **unto a land** that I will shew thee:

Gen 12:2 And I will make of thee a **great nation**, and I will bless thee, and **make thy name great**; and **thou shalt be a blessing**:

Gen 12:3 **And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.**



And then: Gen 15:1-10; 12, 17 and 18

Gen 15:1 After these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.

Gen 15:2 And Abram said, Lord GOD, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house is this Eliezer of Damascus?

Gen 15:3 And Abram said, Behold, to me thou hast given no seed: and, lo, one born in my house is mine heir.

Gen 15:4 And, behold, the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, This shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir.

Gen 15:5 And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.

Gen 15:6 And he had earlier believed in the LORD; and he had counted it to him for righteousness.

Gen 15:7 And he said unto him, I am the LORD that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give thee this land to inherit it.

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