

Circumcision of the Heart

Circumcision was an intimate sign given to the men of Israel to mark them as belonging to God. New Testament circumcision has the same purpose, but is indicated differently. Paul wrote: “No, a person is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is circumcision of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the written code” (Romans 2:29).

How clearly is your heart marked as belonging to Jesus? Rate yourself from “not clearly marked” (1) to “very clearly marked” (5) when it comes to these indicators of a life devoted to Christ.

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Humility: “Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet” (John 13:14).

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Love: “By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another” (John 13:34).

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Unity: “[I pray] that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me” (John 17:21).

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Bible Study: “But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures” (2 Timothy 3:14, 15).

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Christ-likeness: “Set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity” (1 Timothy 4:12).

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