

FATHER ABRAHAM

Romans 4:9-12

Two questions about Abraham's circumcision...

I. WHAT WAS ITS TIMING?

9 Is this blessing then on the circumcised, or on the uncircumcised also? For we say, "Faith was credited to Abraham as righteousness.

***Jub 15:26** - Any every one that is born, the flesh of whose foreskin is not circumcised on the 8th day, belongs not to the children of the covenant which the Lord made with Abraham, but to the children of destruction; nor is there, moreover, any sign on him that he is the Lord's.*

Judah the Patriarch - ... despite all the religious duties which Abraham our father fulfilled, he was not called 'perfect' until he was circumcised.

Another writing – No Israelite man who is circumcised will go down to Gehinnom.

God sends an angel who stretches their foreskin (back) and then they descend to Gehinnom.

Two questions about Abraham's circumcision...

I. WHAT WAS ITS TIMING?

Phil 3:4-5 – 4... If anyone else has a mind to put confidence in the flesh, I far more: 5 circumcised the eighth day, of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the Law, a Pharisee;

Two questions about Abraham's circumcision...

I. WHAT WAS ITS TIMING?

9 Is this blessing then on the circumcised, or on the uncircumcised also? For we say, "Faith was credited to Abraham as righteousness.

Two questions about Abraham's circumcision...

I. WHAT WAS ITS TIMING?

10 How then was it credited? While he was circumcised, or uncircumcised? Not while circumcised, but while uncircumcised;

Gal 5:6 - For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything, but faith...

Two questions about Abraham's circumcision...

I. WHAT WAS ITS TIMING?

II. WHAT WAS ITS PURPOSE?

11 and he received the sign of circumcision...

*Gen 17:11 - And you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskin, and it shall be the **sign** of the covenant between Me and you.*

II. WHAT WAS ITS PURPOSE?

11 and he received the sign of circumcision...

Gal 3:16 - Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. He does not say, "And to seeds," as referring to many, but rather to one, "And to your seed," that is, Christ.

Gen 17:24-26 – 24 Now Abraham was ninety-nine years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. 25 And Ishmael his son was thirteen years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. 26 In the very same day Abraham was circumcised, and Ishmael his son.

II. WHAT WAS ITS PURPOSE?

11...a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had while uncircumcised...

II. WHAT WAS ITS PURPOSE?

11...(he received the sign while uncircumcised) so that he might be the father of all who believe without being circumcised, that righteousness might be credited to them, 12 and the father of circumcision to those who not only are of the circumcision, but who also follow in the steps of the faith of our father Abraham which he had while uncircumcised.

Acts 15:1, 5 – 1 Some men came down from Judea and began teaching the brethren, “Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.”...5 But some of the sect of the Pharisees who had believed stood up, saying, “It is necessary to circumcise them and to direct them to observe the Law of Moses.”

II. WHAT WAS ITS PURPOSE?

paedobaptism

1 Cor 11:25 - In the same way He took the cup also after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

CRANFIELD – *Abraham is the point of union between all who believe, whether circumcised or uncircumcised.*

REMINDER #1 – Of the Universal Nature of the Gospel

**REMINDER #2 – Of the Universal Nature of the
Christian Life**