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- II. Having and knowing the Scripture will not allow you to escape God's wrath (17-24).
- III. Claiming faith in God and performing religious rituals will not allow you to escape God's wrath (25-29).

The Purposes of Circumcision...

- 1) The physical purposes...
 - a) A mark of the physical descendants of Abraham.
 - b) Perhaps a hygienic purpose.
- 2) The spiritual purpose – a picture of the need for spiritual cleansing and renewal.

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1. There are only 2 potential paths to being right with God:
a) justification by works or b) justification by faith in Christ.
2. Trusting in a ritual for your salvation – in whole or in part – means you are pursuing justification by works.
3. If you want to be justified by works, you must keep all of God's law perfectly.
4. If you fail to keep God's law perfectly, you are guilty of breaking it all and will face God's wrath at the judgment.