

The Power of A Name

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looks to his past
- Abraham = father of nations
points to his descendants
- God is strength for task...
- Sign of circumcision = Abraham’s response to God’s covenant
- Make sure your circumcision is of the heart
Dt 10:16;30:6; Jer 4:4; Rm 2:28-29;4:9-12; 8:9,16; Col 2:9-12;Eph 1:13; 4:30;Phil 3:1-3;1 Co 12:13

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