



The Canadian *Lord's Day* Association

Bible Course **Acts to Revelation** **Lesson 28**

Name: _____

Read Galatians 2

Circumcision is the surgical procedure of cutting off the male foreskin. This was instituted by God as a sacrament and a sign of the covenant between Him and Abraham. It was to be practiced by all of Abraham's descendents and any adherents to the Jewish religion. After Christ's death (when His work was complete), this bloody sacrament changed to the bloodless sacrament of baptism. Paul, who was circumcised himself, did not compel new converts to be circumcised. This was an offense to the Jewish tradition, since the Jews did not believe that the Messiah was come, and they therefore continued to circumcise their children.

1. Paul emphasizes that he did not go back to Jerusalem for another 14 years and when he did, who was with him? _____
2. Some false brethren (Judaizers) came to spy on Paul and Titus. What were they trying to find out? _____ Their purpose was to _____ (Galatians 2:4).
3. Paul and Barnabas had a private meeting with the "pillars" (or influential leaders) of the church who were _____, _____, _____ (Galatians 2:9). At this meeting these leaders of the church perceived _____, they gave _____ and Paul the right hand of fellowship (meaning they were in perfect agreement).
4. Paul and Barnabas were only admonished that they should remember who? _____ (Paul said that this was something "they were forward to do"... meaning it was always on their mind or perhaps meaning that they were

- zealous or eager to do.) There were many very poor Christians in Judea, because of the great persecution of that time.
5. In Antioch, Paul saw _____ eating with Gentiles (the “uncircumcised”), but when the _____ (the “circumcised”) came, he withdrew himself. This was offensive to Paul. Even _____ was carried away with their dissimulation (two-faced hypocrisy). (He had yielded to the pressure of the situation.)
 6. Paul is bold; he stood face-to-face with _____ because he _____ according to the truth of the gospel (Galatians 2: 14).
 7. What did Paul say to Peter? “If thou, being a _____, livest after the manner of the _____ why compellest (force) thou the _____ to live as do the _____?”
 8. This brings Paul to the heart of the matter: that a man is not _____ by the works of the _____, but by the _____ of Jesus Christ. You see, it was not in keeping the laws of Moses (ceremonial laws) or in being circumcised that one is saved. We must be born again by faith, trusting in the finished work of the Lord Jesus (Galatians 2: 16).

Heidelberg Catechism Question 60. How are thou righteous before God?

Answer: Only by a true faith in Jesus Christ; so that, though my conscience accuse me, that I have grossly transgressed all the commandments of God, and kept none of them, and am still inclined to all evil; notwithstanding, God, without any merit of mine, but only of mere grace, grants and imputes to me, the perfect satisfaction, righteousness and holiness of Christ; even so, as if I never had had, nor committed any sin: yea, as if I had fully accomplished all that obedience which Christ has accomplished for me; inasmuch as I embrace such benefit with a believing heart.

9. Justify (justification) = to prove the justice of, to vindicate, to excuse

Note: When the Bible speaks of justification, it means “a gracious work of God whereby He, as righteous Judge, acquits the elect from guilt and punishment and declares them to be heirs of eternal life because of the righteousness of Christ the Surety, imputed to them by God, and received by them through faith. (Brakel)

10. Paul cut all human works away and emphasizes that if he builds again the things he once destroyed (religion by works), he makes himself what? _____ (Galatians 2: 18)
11. Paul notes that he is _____ to the law (the law is no longer his savior – the law only condemns), and he is _____ with Christ (when Christ died to the law’s curse to redeem him from its curse, Paul died with Him – symbolizing his union with Christ – dying with Him to be raised again). Therefore Paul says that though he is dead, yet he lives, “yet not I but _____: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God _____, and _____. Note how this passage reveals God’s one-sided love for his people.
12. If righteousness comes by the law, then what is in vain? _____

Evaluator: _____

Meditation: *The Offices of Christ* by Isaac Watts

1. Join all the names of love and power,
That ever men or angels bore,
All are too mean to speak His worth,
Or set Immanuel’s glory forth.

2. But oh, what condescending ways,
He takes to teach His heavenly grace!
My eyes with joy and wonder see
What forms of love He bears for me.

3. The Angel of the cov’nant stands
With His commission in His hands,
Sent from His Father’s milder throne,
To make the great salvation known.

7. My Surety undertakes my cause,
Answ’ring His Father’s broken laws;
Behold my soul at freedom set,
My Surety paid the dreadful debt.

8. Jesus, my great High Priest, has died;
I seek no sacrifice beside;
His blood did once for all atone,
And now it pleads before the throne.

9. My Advocate appears on high,
The Father lays his thunder by;
Not all that earth or hell can say
Shall turn my Father’s heart away.

4. Great Prophet, let me bless Thy name;
By Thee the joyful tidings came,
Of wrath appeased, of sins forgiv'n,
Of hell subdued, and peace with heav'n.

5. My bright example and my guide,
I would be walking near Thy side;
Oh let me never run astray,
Nor follow the forbidden way!

6. I love my Shepherd, He shall keep
My wandering soul among His sheep;
He feeds His flock, He calls their names,
And in His bosom bears the lambs.

10. My Lord, my Conqueror, and my King!
Thy scepter and Thy sword I sing;
Thine is the vict'ry, and I sit
A joyful subject at Thy feet.

11. Aspire, my soul, to glorious deeds,
Thy Captain of salvation leads;
March on, not fear to win the day,
Though death and hell obstruct the way.

12. Should death, and hell, and pow'rs unknown
Put all their forms of mischief on,
I shall be safe; for Christ displays
Salvation in more sovereign ways.