



THE TOKEN OF THE COVENANT

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A BIBLICAL STUDY of Genesis 17



STRONG'S HEBREW/GREEK DEFINITIONS



- 1 **CIRCUMCISED (H4135)** "muwl" - to cut
- 2 **PERFECT (H8549)** "tamiym" - entire, integrity, truth, without blemish
- 3 **TOKEN (H226)** "owth" - a signal (lit. or fig.) as in a flag, beacon, monument, prodigy, evidence, etc.
- 4 **WALK (H1980)** "halak" - to walk along, apace, on continually, be conversant



THE WALK

If a person is saved by grace, evidence of salvation is in the walk of life. This walk (sanctification) cannot be confused as a requirement of salvation.



TEXT OF THE WEEK

"And the Lord God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live." - Deut. 30:6



"It Shall Be a Token of the Covenant Betwixt Me and Thee"

In the Old Testament, "token" and "sign" have the same Hebrew number. In this study we will look to answer the question, "Is there a spiritual token of the covenant of the promise?"

1. Notice the time frame between Genesis 17:1 and 16:16. What did God expect of Abram?
 - Before we are too quick to think we understand what this text means, use the following identical Hebrew word references to help with understanding.
 - A. What is the meaning of "walk before me"?
 - 1) What "walk" is: Psalm 26:1-3; 86:11
 - 2) What "walk" is not: Ps. 12:8; Lev. 26:21, 23; Jer. 2:8; 44:9-10
 - B. What is the meaning of "be thou perfect"?
 - II Sam. 22:31-33 Ps. 101; 18:30-32
2. Read the covenant (Genesis 17:4-8). If God established this covenant with Abraham and his seed (singular), why is his new name, "Abraham," defined as a "father of nations" (plural)?
 - The "seed" of Abraham: Gal. 3:16, 29; Ro. 9:6-11
 - The "father of nations:" Romans 4:17-18
3. If the seed of Abraham is determined by God's grace, what is the purpose of the law? Gal. 3:19-29
4. Abraham was instructed to keep God's covenant with circumcision as a "token" (Gen. 17:11). What was the purpose of circumcision? Ro. 4:11
5. How does God use the physical act of circumcision to explain the spiritual significance of circumcision? Deuteronomy 10:16-17; 30:6
 - Why the heart? Ezekiel 36:24-32
6. Must a person be "spiritually circumcised" as a sign of receiving the covenant of promise? Read Psalm 51:10,17 for additional insight.
 - Does the heart of a child of God have to be broken as a part of the salvation process? Psalm 51:1-9
 - How can a person tell the difference between affliction or chastisement? How can one rejoice in affliction? Lamentations 3:1-26
 - DISCUSS: Is a broken heart a token of the covenant?
7. Most often, we push the thought of rejoicing in our afflictions until a later time in life. Why are the "days of youth" a critical time in a person's life? Lamentations 3:27; Ecclesiastes 11:9-10; 12:1-7