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## Never Assume the Obvious is True Romans 2:25-29

### I. When Circumcision is Regarded as Uncircumcision (v. 25)

- A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of circumcision (v. 25a)  
[Gen. 17:9-14; Lev. 12:2-3; Ex. 4:24-26; Lk. 2:21; Acts 7:8]
- B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of obedience (v. 25b)  
[Matt. 23:23; 23:5-7, 12-13; Gal. 3:23-24; 5:1-6]
- C. The \_\_\_\_\_ of a rite (v. 25c)  
[1 Sam. 17:26; Jer. 9:25-26; Matt. 23:27-28]

### II. When Uncircumcision is Regarded as Circumcision (vv. 26-27)

- A. When a person \_\_\_\_\_ the precepts of the law (v. 26)  
[Rom. 3:28-30; Eph. 2:11-13]
- B. When keeping the law \_\_\_\_\_ those who had received the letter of the law (v. 27a)  
[Matt. 12:41; Matt. 11:21-24]

- C. When uncircumcised \_\_\_\_\_ trumps circumcised disobedience (v. 27b)  
[Phil. 3:2; Matt. 21:28-32; Rom. 2:13]

### III. When a True Jew is Recognized in God's Sight (vv. 28-29)

- A. His \_\_\_\_\_ is on what's happening on the inside, not the outside (v. 28)  
[Matt. 3:9; Rom. 9:6-8]
- B. His \_\_\_\_\_ has been circumcised, not his body (v. 29a)  
[Deut. 10:16; 30:6; Jer. 4:4; Col. 2:11; Ezek. 36:26]
- C. His \_\_\_\_\_ is performed by the Spirit, not the law (v. 29b)  
[Jn. 3:5-6; Titus 3:5]
- D. His \_\_\_\_\_ comes from God, not from man (v. 29c)  
[2 Cor. 10:18; 1 Thes. 2:4; Gal. 1:10]

#### TAKE HOME: EARTHLY RELIGION REVEALS ITSELF IN THREE WAYS

- When it draws \_\_\_\_\_ to the physical over the spiritual
- When it \_\_\_\_\_ secondary matters while ignoring matters of primary importance
- When it \_\_\_\_\_ self-interest above all else

## **STUDY QUESTIONS**

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a small group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please visit our website at [placiritachurch.com](http://placiritachurch.com).

1. Read Romans 2:25. What did you learn about the history of circumcision? What did it symbolize? Why was this so important in the Old Testament? What about Jesus being circumcised? (Gen. 17:9-14; Lev. 12:2-3; Ex. 4:24-26; Lk. 2:21; Acts 7:8)

2. Was it disobedient for a Jew not to be circumcised? How does circumcision become uncircumcision? What does this mean? How can you apply this principle in your own life? (Matt. 23:23; 23:5-7, 12-13; Gal. 3:23-24; 5:1-6; 1 Sam. 17:26; Jer. 9:25-26; Matt. 23:27-28)

3. Read Romans 2:26. How can uncircumcision be counted as circumcision? What does this show about what may be going on in the heart? Why would this have infuriated the Jews? (Rom. 3:28-30; Eph. 2:11-13)

4. Read Romans 2:27. In what way do the uncircumcised condemn the circumcised? What was the written code? How were the Jews breaking it? (Matt. 12:41; Matt. 11:21-24; Phil. 3:2; Matt. 21:28-32; Rom. 2:13)

5. Read Romans 3:28. What does this verse mean? How can you apply this truth in your life today? Give some practical examples. (Matt. 3:9; Rom. 9:6-8)

6. Read Romans 3:29. Where is real circumcision supposed to take place? Who is responsible for this? Why does this matter? (Deut. 10:16; 30:6; Jer. 4:4; Col. 2:11; Ezek. 36:26; Jn. 3:5-6; Titus 3:5; 2 Cor. 10:18; 1 Thes. 2:4; Gal. 1:10)

7. Read the take home questions. Which one challenged you or encouraged you the most? Why? How will you live differently this week based on what you have learned from this passage?

“An obedient Gentile with no circumcision would be more acceptable than a disobedient Jew with circumcision. In fact, a disobedient Jew turns his circumcision into uncircumcision in God’s sight, for God looks at the heart.”