

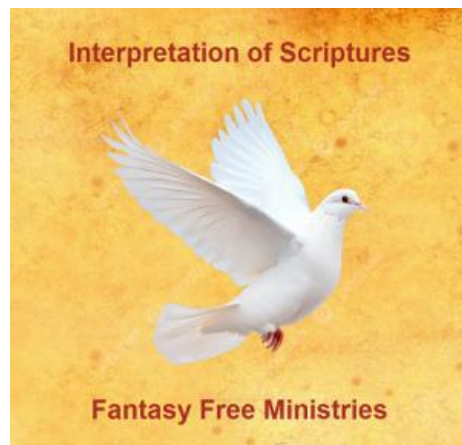
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## Scriptures Explained & Interpreted

### Galatians 5:2-6 Circumcision

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The practice of circumcision began in Egypt and among the Jews somewhere around 3600 bc. Although it is not obvious, it is of profound historical significance. It marks the beginning of humanity making efforts to improve themselves and pursue positive outcomes. It was a sign that mankind was leaving the animal kingdom behind because each could improve himself by embracing certain thoughts, ideas and behaviors.

**Paul talked a lot about circumcisions throughout his writings**

<sup>2</sup> Indeed I, Paul, say to you that if you become circumcised, Christ will profit you nothing. <sup>3</sup> And I testify again to every man who becomes circumcised that he is <sup>[a]</sup> a debtor to keep the whole law. <sup>4</sup> You have become estranged from Christ, you who *attempt to* be justified by law; you have fallen from grace. <sup>5</sup> For we through the Spirit eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. <sup>6</sup> For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love.

Galatians 5:2-6

Circumcision carried with it a promise and commitment to live by the law,

***“Throughout Jewish history, circumcision signifies the covenant between the Jewish people and God.” Alan Rosenbaum***

One time, I observed a civil court proceeding where partners in a business were opposing one another. The plaintiff was accusing the defendant of violating the terms of their. In the trial, it was shown that each one had routinely violated the conduct. Eventually the judged stopped the proceeding proclaiming that the partnership agreement was meaningless because it had the respect of neither party.

Such was the covenant between certain Jews and God, though God upheld his portion of the contract. Paul, a Jew himself, pointed this out. Living by faith constituted a new contract

***“For circumcision verily profiteth, if thou keep the law: but if thou be a breaker of the law, thy circumcision is made uncircumcision.” Romans 2:25***

According to Paul, Jews routinely failed to keep the the contract, that it was thus of no value under the circumstances.

My analysis here in no way invalidates the interpretations made by others. Hopefully, it adds a depth of meaning and understanding of where Paul was coming from. With the advent of Christianity, a new covalent was in effect, though faith.

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