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In regards to: I have ran across many who claim to be believers in the Messiah Christ, but argue that they do not have to be baptized to be saved. Those who do such often identify as Hebrew Israelites, or the Real Jews – the people of the book. I believe they have taken on a familiar spirit of the Pharisees of old (the spirit of religion). If you are of the book, then you should abide by the book. Many glory in their identity in the flesh but don't understand nor value being identified in Christ (that is, being born again of the Spirit). Your flesh can't save you and it's pertinent that you cut-it-off! Circumcise Your Hearts!

As it is written;

- * Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Spirit: as your fathers did, so do ye. (Act 7:51 KJV)
- * Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no more stiffnecked. (Deu 10:16 KJV)
- * Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. (Col 2:8 KJV)
- * For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. (Col 2:9 KJV)
- * And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power: (Col 2:10 KJV)
- * In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: (Col 2:11 KJV)
- * Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. (Col 2:12 KJV)
- * Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? (Rom 6:3 KJV)
- * Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. (Rom 6:6 KJV)
- * And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; (Col 2:13 KJV)
- * For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness. (Rom 4:3



- * And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith (Rom 4:11 KJV)
- * For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.
- * ... for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. (Mat 3:15 KJV)
- * Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: (Rom 3:22 KJV)
- * He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. (Mar 16:16 KJV)
- * And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord. (Act 22:16 KJV)
- * Let no man beguile you of your reward (Col 2:18 KJV)

Further edification on the topic;

[Part 2]

The scriptures presented pertain to the CIRCUMCISION made without hands, having a Spiritual implication held in contrast to the CIRCUMCISION of the Flesh. The scriptures below should help bring more clarity;

- * Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. (2Co 5:17 KJV)
- ---- If you **reject baptism** you are rejecting the seal of the New Covenant through true faith. You are rejecting the Holy Spirit and refusing to attain to the Righteousness which is of Faith, therefore **you are not Abraham's Seed**.
- * They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham. (Joh 8:39 KJV)
- * And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. (Gal 3:29 KJV)
- * For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. (Gal 3:27 KJV)



- * Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ. (Gal 3:16 KJV)
- * For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. (Gal 3:26 KJV)
- * But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? (Jam 2:20 KJV)
- * For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness. (Rom 4:3 KIV)
- * And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had yet being uncircumcised: that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also: (Rom 4:11 KJV)
- * The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ: (IPe 3:21 KJV)
- --- Baptism is the sign of circumcision, the circumcision made without hands! If you don't receive the truth of the Gospel and embrace the New Covenant truly, then you are not Abraham's seed and not an heir to the promise.
- * This is my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee; Every man child among you shall be circumcised. (Gen 17:10 KJV)
- * And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt me and you. (Gen 17:11 KJV)
- ---- If you believe the Gospel and take heed through faith in hearing it, you will back that faith with works and get baptized (in water).
- * Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no more stiffnecked. (Deu 10:16 KJV)

Amen & Amen.

All praises, glory, and honor be to the Most High God TITS the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—in the precious Name of <u>His Son</u> the Messiah Christ—Our Lord, Savior, King and Redeemer! Eternal Blessings upon the Elect of God, now and forever!

So be it.



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