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Concerning the Sabbath? - posted by makrothumia (), on: 2007/9/20 12:26

Has anyone considered the element of circumcision when contemplating the keeping of any of the "Holy" days, whether the Sabbath or any of the Feast days. No one was ever allowed to participate in any feast without first being circumcised according to the requirement of the Law. Those who are well read in the area of Levitical Law can easily attest to this. With this in mind, what are we to do with the clear New Testament teaching that the Gentiles are not to be required to be circumcised. This is never questioned because it is clear beyond doubt. We must consider the implication of the end of physical circumcision, and the prohibition of any Jewish believers to requiring it of any Gentile converts. I would be interested to know if someone else has considered this and what thoughts they might have to add.

Re: Concerning the Sabbath? - posted by Onesimus4God (), on: 2007/9/20 19:22

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If you choose to circumcise your child for personal or health reasons, so be it and God bless you. But don't let anyone put a guilt trip on you if you don't. It does not matter any more. It's the circumcision of the heart that matters now to God. This takes place when one places his eternal hope in Jesus Christ.

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Re: - posted by Miccah (), on: 2007/9/20 19:41

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