

Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, but the keeping of the commandments of God!

(Or, What Matters is keeping the Commandments of God)

1 Corinthians 7:19

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Firstly, we are not saved from eternal hell fire by our own works of keeping God's commandments, **but solely by repentance from sin, and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, as our Saviour and Lord.**

"Repentance" is confessing our sins and turning from them, and surrendering totally to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

"Faith" in the Lord Jesus Christ, is believing in the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross, His death and burial, resurrection from the dead, and His ascension to the right hand of the Father, as a full and sufficient payment for all our sins, so that we might be forgiven and justified before God and receive the Holy Spirit of God's life in us. Romans 3:21-31, Galatians 2:16, Titus 3:5-7.

"For **by grace are you saved through faith**; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: **Not of works**, lest any man should boast". Ephesians 2:8, 9.

"Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, **but by the faith of Jesus Christ**,.....for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified". Galatians 2:16, John 3:16, Romans 5:8-10, 1Peter 2:24, 2Corinthians 5:21, Hebrew 9:14, Hebrews 9:28, Hebrews 10:14, Hebrews 10:12.

"**Not by works of righteousness which we have done**, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost, (Spirit), Which He shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; That being justified by His grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life". Titus 3:5, 6, 7.

When we repent and believe in Jesus, **the Holy Spirit comes and dwells in us**, John 16:7, John 4:14, John 7:37-39, John 14:16, 17, 26, John 15:26, John 16:13-16, Luke 24:49, Acts 2:1-4.

This is God Himself living in us, **Who is always at work in us to make us willing and able to obey His purposes**,

Philippians 2:13, Hebrews 13:20, 21, 2Corinthians 3:18, 1Peter 1:2, Romans 8:29,

Who **teaches us** all things, (John 14:26, John 16:13, 1John 2:27,

Who **leads us** in the right way, of doing the will of God, Romans 8:14, Psalm 32:8, and

Who **transforms us** into the likeness of the Lord Jesus Christ, **as we believe what He has said to us, in His promises**.

Romans 6:6, 11, 14, 1John 1:9, Romans 8:29, 1Peter 1:2, Ephesians 2:10, Ephesians 3:16, 17, Colossians 1:27, Colossians 3:1-4, Galatians 2:20, John 14:23, John 16:13, John 16:23, 24, Luke 11:13, Matthew 3:11, 1Corinthians 1:30, 2Timothy 1:7.

In our baptism into Christ, Galatians 3:27, we are declaring that we have died to our own life of going our own way, Galatians 2:20, Romans 6:6, 11, Romans 6:3, 4, and that we are rising to a new life of serving God and doing His will in the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 6:4-7.

Jesus only did what His Father showed Him to do, John 5:19, John 6:38, and he only said what His Father told Him to say, John 8:26, 28, John 12:49. Jesus did not act independently of God and do His own thing, John 14:10. Seek God early in the morning. Read His Word. Pray in tongues. Pray. Listen to His voice. Hear His voice. Follow what He says to you. Believe Him.

Jesus said, "If you love Me keep My commandments", John 14:15, John 15:14, Luke 6:46- 49.

Matthew 22:37-40, Love God with all your heart.....and your neighbour as you love yourself.

Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15, Acts 1:8, Go in the all-authority of Jesus Christ, make disciples of all nations, baptizing them as He told us, and teaching them to keep all the commandments of Jesus. Start in your street, village, district, province, country and also overseas to many nations. Carry tracts. Ask the Holy Spirit to lead you, who to speak to.

Luke 6:27-38, Mark 11:25, 26. These verses give Jesus' commandments for forgiving and blessing others.

Matthew 6:9-15, Luke 18:1-8, These verses give commands of Jesus' on prayer.

Mark 11:22-26, These verses give commands of Jesus' on faith and forgiveness.

Matthew 19:4-9, Matthew 5:32, These verses give Jesus' commands about marriage.

Matthew 18:3, 4, Matthew 20:20-28, Luke 18:9-14, These verses give commands of Jesus' on walking in humility.

Luke 6:38, Jesus' command to give generously to those in need.

Luke 6:37, Judge not, condemn not, and forgive, are Jesus commands.

Matthew, chapters 5, 6, 7, contain many of Jesus' commands. 7:26: Jesus said, "Hear My sayings and do them and build your house/life upon the Rock of Jesus Christ" He is the immovable "Rock of Ages". (*Expressed in my words*).

Matthew 25:1-13, Get ready to meet the Lord, when He returns, with your ministry lamp burning brightly, in abundance and overflow. Matthew 24:45-47.

Matthew 25:14-30, Use your gifts and talents and money to bring increase to the Kingdom of God all around you.

Keep seeking first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness. Matthew 6:33.

Deny self and choose to be obedient to what Jesus commands us, individually or corporately. Luke 9:23, 24, 25.

And many other commands, Jesus has given to us, so that we can know that we are pleasing Him and helping others.