




COMMUNITY GUIDE

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WEEKLY APPLICATION

TAKEAWAY: Teaching which leads to maturity by way of spiritual circumcision.

HEAD CHANGE: Perfection isn't something without flaw, it is someone contributing to God's purpose.

HEART CHANGE: Love and obey God because you want to.

LIFE CHANGE: Look at what Jesus did and receive it.

OVERVIEW

Teaching. Maturity. Spiritual Circumcision

The apostle Paul writes in Colossians 1:28, "So we tell others about Christ, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all the wisdom God has given us. We want to present them to God, perfect in their relationship to Christ." Paul establishes that his goal for preaching and teaching is to "present everyone perfect in Christ." The Greek idea of perfection as something without a flaw has influenced our understanding of the term in today. Consequently, for most, perfection is some impossible ideal that no one will ever attain. But the biblical vision is something was "perfect" if it's contributing to its purpose. That what we're after here, contributing to the purpose God created us for.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you in this teaching? Why do you think that resonated?
2. When you think about your own spiritual maturity, which stage do you think you are in? How would those closest to you answer that question for you?
3. How does "spiritual circumcision" answer the ultimate human problem?
4. Can you recall a time when "pleasure and duty" for the Lord were joined together? What led to that experience?

CLOSE IN PRAYER

Father, we can't do any of this without You. Thank You for revealing the finished work of Jesus to us. May we live with a greater understanding of your grace and approval on our lives because of what Jesus has done. If there are any areas of our lives that are captured by pride, reveal that to me now, I repent and ask for your humility to walk with you and obey you in response to your love and grace toward me. In Jesus' name, amen.

IN THIS TOGETHER!