

# O.T. Circumcision and Baptism

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ARE THESE AN EXACT PARALLEL?



**Abraham  
Was Justified  
PRIOR To  
Circumcision**

Romans 4

# Is the parallel ever made in Scripture?

- People think it is in Col. 2:8-13
  - “in Him also you were circumcised with a *circumcision made without hands*”
  - “by the circumcision *of Christ*”
  - “dead in your trespasses and the *uncircumcision of your flesh*”
- Where does the passage bring up O.T. circumcision?
- Where does the text say that baptism does what circumcision did for the Jews?

If Any O.T. Circumcision Is Brought Up  
In Col. 2, It's This One:

- “And the Lord your God will *circumcise your heart* and the heart of your offspring, so that you will love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.” Deut. 30:6



**Circumcision Is  
Said To Be A Seal  
(Rom. 4:11)**

Does the  
Bible ever  
refer to  
baptism as a  
seal?

Baptism is never referred to as a seal, but the Holy Spirit is:

- Eph. 1:13, “In Him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in Him, were *sealed with the promised Holy Spirit.*”
- Eph. 4:30, “And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, *by Whom you were sealed* for the day of redemption.”
- II Cor. 1:22, “and Who has also *put His seal* on us and *given us His Spirit* in our hearts as a guarantee.”

# Only 3 times Does The Scripture Emphasize Being Put Into Christ

- “Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?” Rom. 6:3
- “For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body...” I Cor. 12:13 (vs. 27 emphasizes the body of Christ is what the context is about)
- “For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.” Gal. 3:27

If circumcision is an exact parallel to baptism (and baptism is into Christ), then that means you can be saved apart from Jesus Christ. Do you believe that?

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