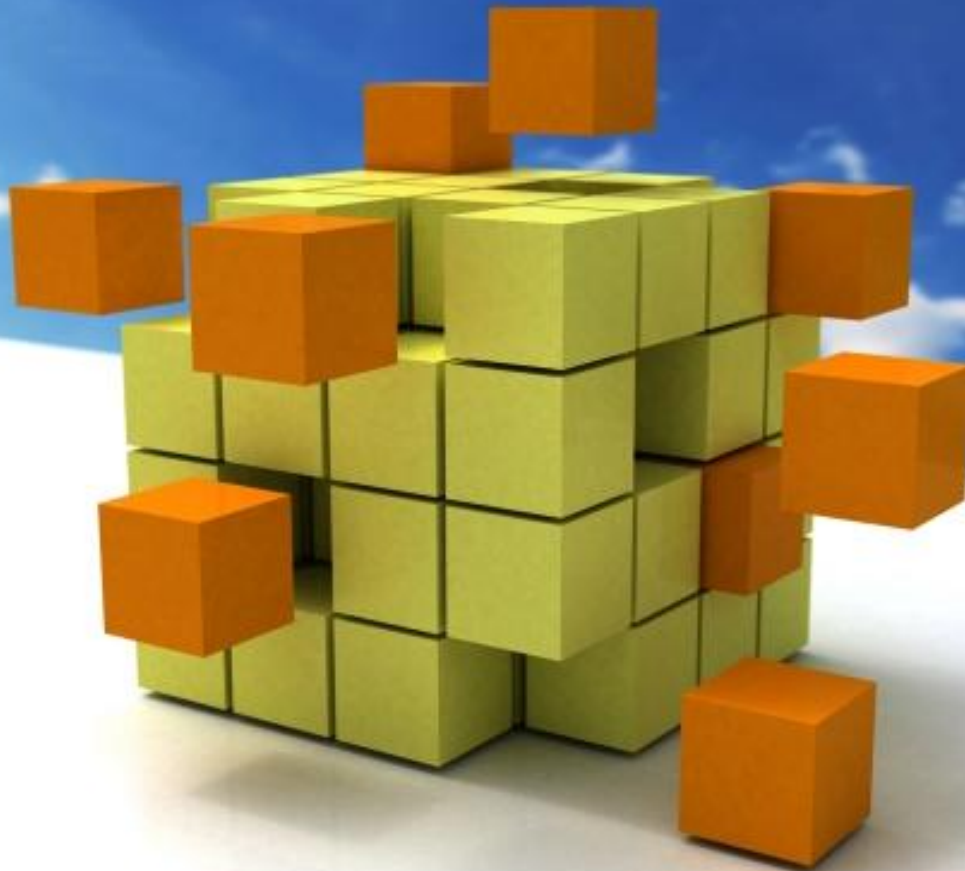


# DISPENSATIONAL DISTINCTIVES



Understanding the Bible through the Essential Biblical Distinctive of Circumcision

# Introduction



# Introduction:

<b>Left Wingers</b>	<b>Right Wingers</b>
Support Welfare	Oppose Welfare
Support Open Borders (in current system)	Oppose Open Borders (in current system)
Support Foreign Aid	Oppose Foreign Aid
Support High Taxes	Oppose High Taxes
Support Pornographers	Oppose Pornographers
Supporting Killing Unborn Children	Oppose Killing Unborn Children
Oppose Killing Murderers	Support Killing Murderers
Oppose Gun Ownership	Support Gun Ownership
Worship Trees	Cut Down Trees (renewable resource)
Weaken America's Military	Strengthen America's Military



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### Works

James 2:17: "Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone."

James 2:20: "But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?"

### Faith Alone

Romans 4:5: "But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness."

Romans 3:27: "Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith."

(Also: Romans 9:32)



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### Justification by Works

James 2:21: "Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?"

James 2:24: "Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only."

### Justification by Faith

Romans 4:2: "For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory; but not before God."

Romans 3:28: "Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law."

(Also: Acts 13:39; Romans 3:20, 24, 5:1; Galatians 2:16, 3:11, 24, 5:4)



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### Circumcision Required

Genesis 17:13-14: "13 He that is born in thy house, and he that is bought with thy money, must needs be circumcised: and my covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant. 14 And the uncircumcised man child whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that soul shall be cut off from his people; he hath broken my covenant."

### No Circumcision

Galatians 5:2: "Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing."

(Also: Galatians 5:6, 6:15)



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### Sabbath Observance

Deuteronomy 5:12: "Keep the sabbath day to sanctify it, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee."

Exodus 31:16: "Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant."

(Also: Exodus 20:8, 35:2; Nehemiah 13:17-22)

### No Sabbath Observance

Colossians 2:16: "Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:"



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### Law Keeping Required

Matthew 5:19: "Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

### No Law Keeping

Romans 6:14: "For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace."

Galatians 5:18: "But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law."

(Also Romans 7:4, 6; Galatians 3:10, 4:21)





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### Water Baptism Required

Mark 16:16: "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."

Acts 2:38: "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

(Also Luke 3:7, 7:29-30; Acts 2:41; I Peter 3:21)

### No Water Baptism

1 Corinthians 1:14: "I thank God that I baptized none of you, but Crispus and Gaius;"

1 Corinthians 1:17a: "For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect."

1 Corinthians 12:13a: "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, ..." combined with Ephesians 4:5: "One Lord, one faith, one baptism,"

(Romans 6:3-4; Colossians 2:12)



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### Dietary Restrictions

Leviticus 11:7-8: "7 And the swine, though he divide the hoof, and be clovenfooted, yet he cheweth not the cud; he is unclean to you. 8 Of their flesh shall ye not eat, and their carcase shall ye not touch; they are unclean to you."

Acts 10:14: "But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean."

(Also: Leviticus 11:1-6)

### No Dietary Restrictions

1 Timothy 4:4-5: "4 For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving: 5 For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer."

Colossians 2:16: "Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:"



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### Atonement Later

Acts 3:19: *"Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;"*

### Atonement Now

Romans 5:11: *"And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement."*



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### Endure Wrath

Luke 21:23: *"But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days! for there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people."*

(Also: Matthew 24:15-22)

### Not Appointed to Wrath

1 Thessalonians 1:10: *"And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come."*

(Also: I Thessalonians 5:9)



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### Message that was Revealed

Acts 3:19-21: "19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; 20 And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: 21 Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began."

(Also: Acts 2:16)

### Message that was Not Revealed

Romans 16:25: "Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began,"

Colossians 1:26: "Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:"

(Also: I Corinthians 2:7; Ephesians 1:9, 3:1-11)



# Introduction

**How do we reconcile these distinctives?**

- **Do we try to apply them all to us?**
- **Do we explain them away?**
- **Do we do our best to study each one individually and pick and choose which side to follow?**

**There is one underlying principle that if understood, removes all of the tension from these distinctives. The objective of this study is to identify that underlying principle.**



# Section 1: The Essential Distinctive of Circumcision



# Chapter 1 - Acts 15: Contention Among Believers : 'Primer'

**The root of many doctrinal debates today can be traced back to the apostles themselves!**

**The apostles debated doctrine, even the very truth of the gospel.**

**An understanding of:**

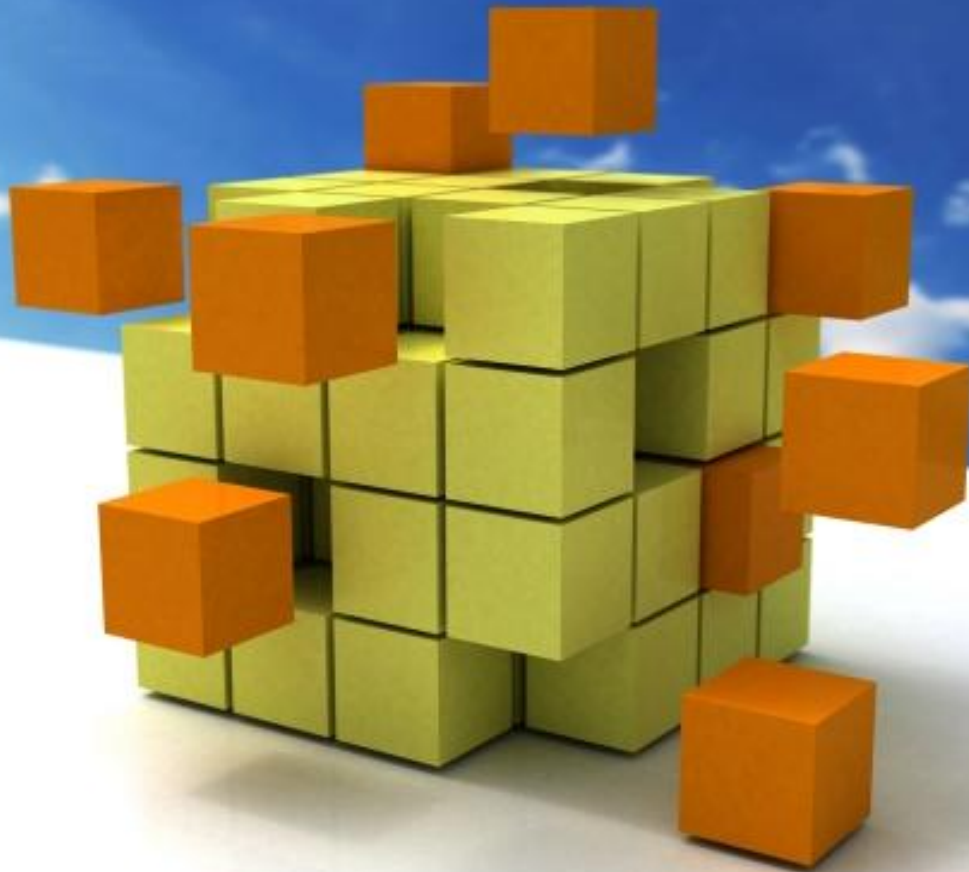
- 1) what it was they were debating;**
- 2) why the apostles debated doctrine;**
- 3) and the resolution to that debate**

**is essential for every Bible student to have in order to avoid the doctrinal confusion**





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