

²At that time the Lord said to Joshua, “Make flint knives and circumcise the Israelites again.” ³So Joshua made flint knives and circumcised the Israelites at Gibeath Haaraloth. ⁴Now this is why he did so: All those who came out of Egypt—all the men of military age—died in the wilderness on the way after leaving Egypt.

Joshua 5:2-12

⁵All the people that came out had been circumcised, but all the people born in the wilderness during the journey from Egypt had not. ⁶The Israelites had moved about in the wilderness forty years until all the men who were of military age when they left Egypt had died, since they had not obeyed the Lord.

Joshua 5:2-12

For the Lord had sworn to them that they would not see the land he had solemnly promised their ancestors to give us, a land flowing with milk and honey. ⁷So he raised up their sons in their place, and these were the ones Joshua circumcised. They were still uncircumcised because they had not been circumcised on the way.

Joshua 5:2-12


⁸And after the whole nation had been circumcised, they remained where they were in camp until they were healed. ⁹Then the Lord said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you.” So the place has been called Gilgal to this day.

Joshua 5:2-12

¹⁰On the evening of the fourteenth day of the month, while camped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, the Israelites celebrated the Passover. ¹¹The day after the Passover, that very day, they ate some of the produce of the land: unleavened bread and roasted grain.

Joshua 5:2-12

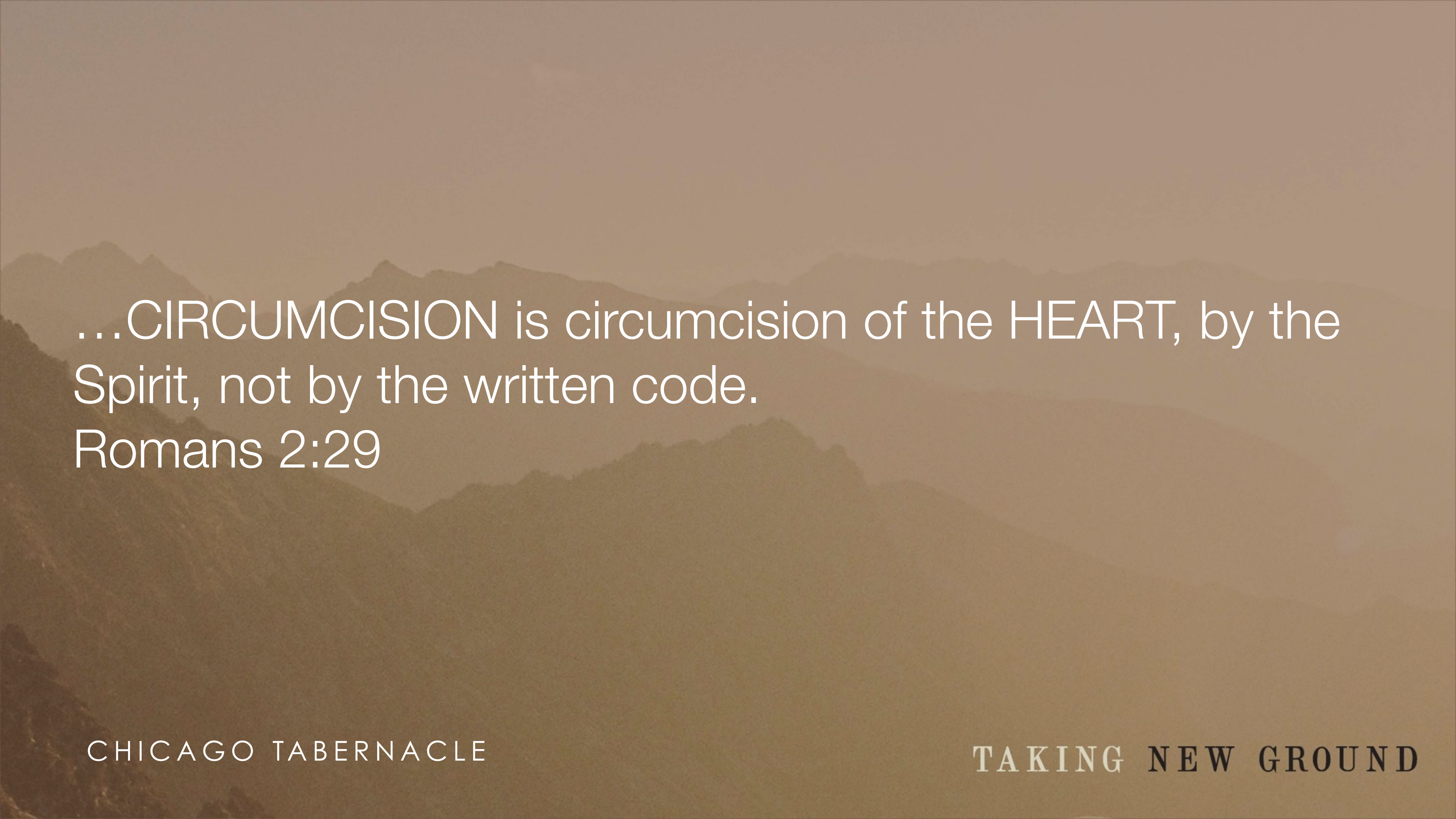
¹²The manna stopped the day after they ate this food from the land; there was no longer any manna for the Israelites, but that year they ate the produce of Canaan.
Joshua 5:2-12



CIRCUMCISE THE NEW GENERATION

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...CIRCUMCISION is circumcision of the HEART, by the
Spirit, not by the written code.
Romans 2:29



God wants this generation to be circumcised and
baptized with the Holy Spirit.

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Circumcision Was the Renewing of the Covenant to Belong to God

For the generations to come every male among you who is eight days old must be circumcised, including those born in your household or bought with money from a foreigner—those who are not your offspring.

Genesis 17:12

Circumcision Was the Renewing of the Covenant to Belong to God

This generation has a lot of natural wisdom and emotionalism, but it is without circumcision of the heart.



**Circumcision was a Cutting of Our Intimate Places
for the Sake of Being Freed to Follow God.**

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In the natural, it doesn't make sense to make yourself weaker before going to war, but circumcision proves His power perfected in our weakness!

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In the Old Testament, circumcision was once, but in the New Testament, circumcision is continual.

Circumcision Was a Removing of the Shame and Disgrace of Egypt

The reproach of Egypt was the disgrace and shame
brought on by UNBELIEF.

¹²See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. ¹³But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called “Today,” so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness.

Hebrews 3:12-19

¹⁴We have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original conviction firmly to the very end. ¹⁵As has just been said: “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion.” ¹⁶Who were they who heard and rebelled? Were they not all those Moses led out of Egypt?

Hebrews 3:12-19

¹⁷And with whom was he angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies perished in the wilderness? ¹⁸And to whom did God swear that they would never enter his rest if not to those who disobeyed? ¹⁹So we see that they were not able to enter, because of their unbelief.

Hebrews 3:12-19

Unbelief Is:

1. A hardening of the heart against God's word that makes us turn away from Him.
2. Being deceived by sin to the point of rebellion.
3. A stubbornness and rebellion that hardens the heart against God's way and forfeits his rest.

Circumcision Was a Removing of the Shame and Disgrace of Egypt

When it comes to taking new ground, UNBELIEF halts
EVERYTHING!

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See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God.

Hebrews 3:12

Unbelief is Marked By:

- A. An unwillingness to accept being chosen by God.
- B. An unwillingness to act obediently on the promise of God.
- C. An unwillingness to fight for the glory of God.

"There is nothing so hardening as delay. When God speaks to us, He asks us for a tender heart, open to the whispers of His voice of love. The believer who answers the "To-day" of the Holy Spirit with the "tomorrow" of some more convenient season does not know how He is hardening his heart. The delay, instead of making the surrender and obedience and faith easy, makes it more difficult.

It closes the heart for today against the Comforter and cuts off all hope and power of growth. O believer, "As the Holy Ghost saith, To-day." When you hear His voice, open your heart in great tenderness to listen and obey. Obedience to the Spirit's today is your only certainty of power and blessing."

-Andrew Murray (1828-1917)