

**Series: Joshua, God's Warrior**  
**Sermon: Don't Follow the Rules**  
**Bible Verses: Joshua 5 & Colossians 2**  
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Joshua, and Israel, had just miraculously crossed the Jordan river and were preparing to enter "the \_\_\_\_\_."

God told Joshua to \_\_\_\_\_ the Israelites before entering the promise land.

The \_\_\_\_\_ of Abraham (500+ years earlier) and his descendants (Israel) was a sign and reminder of God's \_\_\_\_\_ to bring them to the promise land.

The circumcision of \_\_\_\_\_ day is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's covenant promise to Abraham.  
... Connected to the covenant of circumcision were the \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_, shortly after Jesus died and rose, are claiming to be THE followers of God but aren't getting circumcised or following the \_\_\_\_\_ of Moses (it looks like they are violating the covenant).

Jesus' death and resurrection gave us a \_\_\_\_\_. One based on the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus and not circumcision.

**The law was \_\_\_\_\_, but love was the \_\_\_\_\_.**

After Jesus, circumcision takes places as an \_\_\_\_\_ of cutting out the sinful nature, rather than an \_\_\_\_\_ symbol cutting out flesh.

The law and circumcision was a \_\_\_\_\_ of what was to come, not the reality itself.

The reality: the New Covenant says that anyone who comes to \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ will have their sins forgiven!

**Galatians 5:6**

**For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any \_\_\_\_\_. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through \_\_\_\_\_.**

**THINK ABOUT IT: When we are followers of Jesus, \_\_\_\_\_ doesn't matter. What does matter is faith expressing itself through \_\_\_\_\_.**

Faith expressing itself in love \_\_\_\_\_ changes the way we live, and \_\_\_\_\_ us do what is right without the burden of the law.

Doing the " \_\_\_\_\_ " without love is like circumcision of the flesh.