

**Marked for Blessing**  
**Genesis 17:1-17, Pew Bible p. 11**  
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**I. God's Global Reach (V. 1-8)**

- A. The salvation of God is too powerful to be private.
  - 1. God's message has global need.
  - 2. God's people have global influence.
  
- B. The presence of God is too good to be hidden.
  - 1. It gives us freedom.
  - 2. It gives us a future.

**II. God's Specific Sign (V. 9-14)**

- A. People who are blessed with God's salvation must be set apart from the world.
  - 1. We have a different Lord than the world.
  - 2. We have a different heart than the world.
  
- B. People who are set apart from the world eventually demonstrate it in tangible ways.
  - 1. Physical signs cannot replace spiritual unbelief.
  - 2. Right belief cannot justify physical disobedience.

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## Discussion Questions

1. Read Genesis 17:1-14.
2. How is God's covenant to Abraham in verses 4-6 different than what God has promised Abraham already?
  - a. What does God's plan to make many nations from Abraham say about God's heart for the whole world?
  - b. In what way does the good news of Jesus Christ have a global reach today?
3. Did God keep His promises (V. 4-6) to Abraham?
  - a. What promises has God made to His people today?
  - b. In what way has God kept His promises to you?
4. Why do you think God gave Abraham and his household the sign of circumcision as a way to show they were set apart from the world?
  - a. What are some physical signs that Christians are commanded to do that shows their faith in Jesus today?
5. Are physical signs of faith the same as faith?
  - a. Was it possible to be circumcised, even in the Old Testament, and not really believe in the God of Abraham? Why?
  - b. Is it possible today to do the works of a Christian while not really being one? Why?
6. Pray for our church to have a global reach for the gospel of Jesus Christ. Come to the church prayer meeting this Wednesday from 6:00-6:30 pm in the Worship Center lobby.