

Ephesians 2:11 – Summary

1. If a man, using his hands to perform this ritual can actually save another, then Salvation is by works. If a doctor can perform this deed when the child is 8 days old, and this will qualify that baby to live with God forever, then it's salvation by works.
2. The scripture plainly reveals that man cannot save man ([Eph. 2:8, 9](#); [Titus 3:5](#)).
3. Man is imperfect, his works and his thoughts are imperfect.
4. God is perfect – His plan is perfect. His plan includes salvation by grace!
5. No matter how hard man may work, he cannot save self. Some lost people have mighty fine standards on the lost side but still cannot be saved by their efforts.
6. Now that Gentiles are saved, this verse 11 is to remind them (and us today) of false barriers which existed when they were unbelievers.
7. These false barriers on the wrong side made the Gentiles the victims of Jewish religiosity. The Jews had false standards called *akrobustia* – ἀκροβυστία (note again our [Verse 11](#)).
8. Circumcision and uncircumcision are only outward distinctions and in no way reveal the inner relationship with God ([Isa. 55:7-9](#), [I Sam. 16:6-7](#)).
9. Believers are warned not to bring into the Christian life the false and superficial standards of pre-salvation days.
10. As believers, we must study and know the Word of God to know divine standards of evaluation. Memory storage is enlarged when perceptive and learning, and then it becomes available later when the need to apply arises.