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The Place Of Victory: Preparing For Victory

Ezekiel 36:26 - *And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart.*

Romans 6:3-6 - *...have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined him in his death? ⁴ For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives. ⁵ Since we have been united with him in his death, we will also be raised to life as he was. ⁶ We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin.*

We're Saved From The Penalty Of Sin Because Christ Died For Us

We're Saved From The Power Of Sin Because We Died With Christ

- 1) Claiming Our Inheritance In Faith.**
- 2) Conquering Our Enemies.**
- 3) Enjoying The Spiritual Rest For Those Who Walk By Faith.**

Colossians 2:11-12 - *When you came to Christ, you were “circumcised,” but not by a physical procedure. Christ performed a spiritual circumcision—the cutting away of your sinful nature. ¹² For you were buried with Christ when you were baptized. And with him you were raised to new life because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead.*

Joshua 5:1-3, 8-10 - *When all the Amorite kings west of the Jordan and all the Canaanite kings who lived along the Mediterranean coast heard how the LORD had dried up the Jordan River so the people of Israel could cross, they lost heart and were paralyzed with fear because of them. ² At that time the LORD told Joshua, “Make flint knives and circumcise this second generation of Israelites.” ³ So Joshua made flint knives and circumcised the entire male population of Israel at Gibeath-haaraloth... ⁸ After all the males had been circumcised, they rested in the camp until they were healed. ⁹ Then the LORD said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away the shame of your slavery in Egypt.” So that place has been called Gilgal to this day. ¹⁰ While the Israelites were camped at*

Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, they celebrated Passover on the evening of the fourteenth day of the first month.

God's People Must Be Prepared Before They Can Be Trusted With Victory

Before The Jews Could Get Victory Over Their Enemies, They Had To Experience Victory Over Sin And Self

Their Bodies Belonged To The Lord And Were Not To Be Used For Sinful Purposes

Exodus 19:5-6 - *Now if you will obey me and keep my covenant, you will be my own special treasure from among all the peoples on earth; for all the earth belongs to me. ⁶ And you will be my kingdom of priests, my holy nation.' This is the message you must give to the people of Israel."*

Deuteronomy 10:16 - *Circumcise your hearts, therefore, and do not be stiff-necked any longer.*

They Thought As Long As They Were God's People, They Could Live However They Wanted

There's No Substitute For A Genuine Relationship With Jesus

Romans 2:25-29 - *The Jewish ceremony of circumcision has value only if you obey God's law. But if you don't obey God's law, you are no better off than an uncircumcised Gentile. ²⁶ And if the Gentiles obey God's law, won't God declare them to be his own people? ²⁷ In fact, uncircumcised Gentiles who keep God's law will condemn you Jews who are circumcised and possess God's law but don't obey it. ²⁸ For you are not a true Jew just because you were born of Jewish parents or because you have gone through the ceremony of circumcision. ²⁹ No, a true Jew is one whose heart is right with God. And true circumcision is not merely obeying the letter of the law; rather, it is a change of heart produced by the Spirit. And a person with a changed heart seeks praised from God, not from people.*