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Title: Crossing Into the Unknown

Text: Joshua 3-5

(2 Cor 5:7) (Heb 12:1-2) (1 Cor 10:11)

I. The Miracle of the Crossing (Joshua 3)

Like our NT Joshua-Jesus (Mark 1:35)

Joshua rose early to meditate on the Word (3:1)

A. Officer's Message to the People: (vs 2-4)

1. The Ark of the Covenant was a piece of furniture:
2. The Ark symbolized the presence of God.
3. The Ark was An OT Type of Christ
4. Christ always goes ahead of His people: (2 Cor 7:1)
5. God is going to lead the Jews in a new way (vs 4)
 - a. Focus on God's Presence: (Josh 3:4b)
 - 1.) You Don't Have to Know When: (Jn 2:4b)
 - 2.) You Don't Have to Know Where:
 - 3.) You Don't Have to Know Why:

B. Joshua's Message to the People: (Vs 5)

1. Sanctify:
2. Wonder: (Isaiah 55:8.)
3. Focus on God's Promises
 - a. God's Promises are for All Saints: (Vs 7)
 - b. The New Covenant: (Lk 22:20)
 - c. "a better covenant" (Heb 8:6-7)
4. Focus on Jesus: (Heb 12:2a)(Matt 14:22-33)
 - a. Do not look at other saints: (Psalm 118:8)
 - b. Do not look at your faith: (1 Cor 15:22)
 - c. Focus on God's Power: (Josh 3:10a, 13)

C. Joshua's Message to the Priests (vs 6)

D. The Lord's Message to Joshua: (vs 7-8)

1. God's People Magnify Christ: (Phil 1:20-21)
2. God Magnifies His People: (Acts 5:12-13)

E. Joshua's Message to the People: (vs 9-13)

1. The LORD: (Vs 9)
2. The Living God: (Vs10)
3. The "Lord of all the earth" (vs 11, 13)
(Ps. 97:5; Micah 4:13).

E. The Word verified (vs 14-17)

1. The priests went before them:
2. What a perfect picture of Christ:
3. Crossing Red Sea (Ex 14:21-22, 26-28; 15:8)
4. Crossing of the Jordan:
5. Walk & war by faith: (Rom 6-8)

II. The Memorials of the Crossing (4)

A. Israel's 2 Memorials: Convey spiritual truths.

1. On the Bank of the River: (3:12; 4:1-8)
2. In the River (4:9-10) Seen only by God.
3. Illustrate the believer's spiritual union with Christ:
(Eph. 2:1-10; Gal. 2:20; Col. 2:13; Rom. 6:4-5)

B. Church's 2 Memorials:

1. Baptism: (1 Cor. 12:13)
2. The Lord's Supper:

III. The Mark of the Covenant (5)

A. Circumcision (Gen. 17)

1. Experience of "death" in crossing the river.
2. "death to self" individually. (Rom. 2:25-29)
3. Putting off the "old man" (Col. 3:1ff; Rom. 8:13).
4. Put off "the sins of the flesh" (Col. 2:9-13).
5. Gilgal illustration "crucified with Christ" (Gal. 2:20)
6. The manna was pilgrimage food: (Deut 6:10-11; 8:3)