

Redeemed & Called on Mission

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Joshua 3:1-5:1

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A. God's Work means you don't lack power in evangelism

Joshua led God's people over the Jordan to boldly take the inheritance God was giving His people. The NT speaks of the Gospel as the sword of the Spirit. Eph 6:17; 1 Pt 1:3-5

• **you need not fear – God is with you! Josh 3:9-11**

God makes impossible way possible (cross Jordan) therefore God will deliver inheritance

Apply today: when it comes to living our lives on mission we need not fear because Jesus has already done the miracle of making you alive and He leads the way!

The Gospel is not, "God brought me over, now I have to conquer in my own strength!"

B. Jesus is better than Joshua - New Covenant Realities!

- God doesn't leave you alone
God brings us over as His family to take our inheritance
- God uses all of His people
All tribes represented & given instruction: Jos 4:21
Power of the Gospel: God, Sin, Jesus, Faith
Purpose of the Gospel: Creation, Fall, Redemption, Restoration
- God provides leaders to guide us with His Word
Leaders guide use with God's Word Jos 3:2-3; Eph 4:11-12; 1 Pt 5:2-3

C. God gave us Baptism - Our stones of Remembrance

- God is awesome 4:22-24; result 5:1
- Never forget your previous condition Eph 2:1-3
Humbly declare your previous condition before Christ - you are not better.
- God has brought you into a new life mission Col 1:12-13
See WLC Q63
- Never forget Jesus is your Prophet, Priest and King!
Jesus is the perfect Joshua. See WLC Q43, 44, 45
- Live on Mission for King Jesus! Rom 6:1-4; Josh 4:22-5:1
Follow God (Ark) and remember He calls us to holiness & obedience. But don't forget that God leads, conquers, and guides us – look to the Gospel!

Think if you lived this Gospel reality every day:

"Have you trusted in Jesus's life and death yourself? Are you still trusting in it? Do you believe that what he did was sufficient for you? Do you believe Jesus perfectly lived in your place, and that he humbly and sufficiently died in your place? Disciples of Jesus do believe this. We have to. We can't live the life he calls us to apart from it. Are you striving to gain approval or acceptance? Rest in Jesus's perfect work on your behalf. Are you living with regret or self-hatred for what you've done in the past? Accept Jesus's payment for sin. Are you striving to do enough good now to remove the guilt of the bad you've done in the past? You don't have to. In fact, you can't do enough. Instead, believe that Jesus has fully removed all the guilt from your life. We have all sinned, but Jesus did better for us. Because of him, we are forgiven and cleansed. We are loved and accepted by God."

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