

Date/Speaker/Text : 23 Mar 2021 / Eric Teo / Joshua 5:1-15
 Title : **Restart Rightly as the New Israel**
 Wrap Up : Voice of Truth – Casting Crown

Text Summary:

Key Statement: Joshua led the new Israel through two memorable traditions (circumcision & Passover) as a way to re-start their life rightly before the Holy God

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01	: Outsiders' recurring "melted" response over God's powerful hand
02-09	: Practicing circumcision to remember obedience to God's law
10-12	: Celebrating Passover to remember gratefulness for God's deliverance & provision
13-15	: Standing on the holy ground to remember holiness before the Holy God

Part 1: Circumcision (v2-9)

Part #1

Joshua 5: 2-9 (ESV)

Theme: **IDENTITY**

1st circumcision during Abraham's Time Gen 17:10-27	2nd circumcision during Moses' Time Exo 4:25-26, Deut 10:12-22	3rd circumcision during Joshua's Time Jos 5:2-9
Practice: one-time cutting of the foreskin Establish the sign of covenant with God as His people; to set apart from the neighbouring nations Failure on their part (disobedient) would result in them being cut off by God	Recognize it is not only an outward practice but an inward setting apart from sin (disobedient)	Renew and Avoid repeating the mistake of their forefathers in disobedient (sinful) life
Circumcision with Christ in connection to our Times Col 2:11-12		

In Christ, **we are cut out & set apart** from sin & the world
 Our identity now as God's people is from inward to outward & not just outward only

Part 2: Passover (v10-12)

Part #2

Joshua 5: 10-12 (ESV)

Theme: **REDEMPTION**

1st Passover during Moses' Time with the old Israel Exo 11-12	2nd Passover during Joshua's Time with the new Israel Exo 12:14,17b, Jos 5:10-12
Practice: Annual festival to remember how God saved the firstborn; involving Roast a Passover lamb (not to break any of the bones) to remind them of how the lamb's blood was smeared on the doorpost Establish how they are redeemed from slavery to be God's people	Recognize Restart rightly by obeying this festival from generation to generation Add-On Learning on God's Provision
Christ as the Passover Lamb in connection to our Times 1 Cor 5:7-8	

In Christ, **we are redeemed** from the slavery of sin, devil & death to be God's people
 Our redemption now as God's people is commemorated through holy communion in sincerity & in truth

Part 3: Holy Ground (v13-15)

Part #3

Joshua 5: 13-15 (ESV)

Theme: **HOLINESS**

Direct Encounter during Moses' Time Exo 35	Direct Encounter during Joshua's Time Jos 2:13-15
Setting: God as the Burning Bush Take off sandals for this is holy ground Hid his afraid face from God	Setting: God as the commander of the Lord's army Take off sandals for this is holy ground fell on his face and worshipped Joshua's side OR enemy's side = neither!

Christ as the Cornerstone
in connection to our Times
1 Pet 2:9

In Christ, **we are called** to live out 4 areas
 Our holy living now as God's people is a response to this "restart" journey until Christ returns

Lesson Summary & Closure

Part #1 Circumcision

Theme: **Identity**

In Christ,
we are cut out & set apart
from sin & the world
to be God's people

Part #2 Passover

Theme: **Redemption**

In Christ,
we are redeemed
from the slavery of sin,
devil & death
to be God's people

Part #3 Holiness

Theme: **Holy Living**

In Christ,
we are called
to live out
as God's people

Jos 5:1 (c.f. Jos 2:9-11)

¹As soon as all the kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan to the west, and all the kings of the Canaanites who were by the sea, **heard** that the **LORD** had dried up the **waters** of the Jordan for the people of Israel until they had crossed over, **their hearts melted** and there was **no longer any spirit in them** because of the people of Israel.